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## TakeCare, CHCC repair rift

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REPORTER

TakeCare Insurance has now included the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. on its list of participating providers. This will allow those with TakeCare health insurance access to CHCC for their medical needs. At the same time, all CHCC historical claims have been paid.

In a statement yesterday, TakeCare president Jeff Larsen said the insurance company now has "clarity on the network status of CHCC and [TakeCare members] can continue to see their doctors."

"Throughout this process, TakeCare are stressed the importance of payers and providers working together to improve the delivery and financing of healthcare in the CNMI. CHCC

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### TYPHOON LAN MOVES AWAY

Another circulation forms near Saipan

With Typhoon Lan turning northward and moving farther from the Marianas, another circulation is beginning to form northeast of Saipan.

This circulation especially needs to be watched closely as it gradually develops, according to the CNMI

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**SINCE LAST SURVEY IN 2014**

### Over 2K stray dogs impounded

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The Saipan Mayor's Office's Dog Control Program has rounded up

over 11 percent of the total stray dog population on Saipan, according to program manager Spencer Marchadesch.

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## Local

## Airport issues go under microscope

The Strategic Economic Development Council's Airport Revitalization Committee sat down with the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection last Tuesday to address matters affecting the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

communications plan that gets community and federal stakeholders involved," Deleon Guerrero said.

Task force co-chair Viola Alepuyo indicated that there is a collective commitment to address airport issues.

"The CNMI is very fortunate to have motivated stakeholders from the public and private sectors willing to contribute their time to this project. They are passionate and intend to work hard to complete these tasks in order to improve our tourists' first and last impressions at our airport," Alepuyo said.

Matthew O. Deleon Guerrero, chief of staff of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, said the meeting focused on four issues: the rate of flow going into the airport; the current state of airport facilities; CBP staffing issues; and the management of the Chinese parole.

"We are looking at everything, from infrastructure expansion and local workforce development to developing an integrated

communications plan that gets community and federal stakeholders involved," Deleon Guerrero said.

The committee will be reporting to the SEDC co-chairs Robert Jones of Triple J and Marian Aldan-Pierce of DFS Limited. (PR)

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# Coast Guard recruitment drive sparks wide interest

By BEA CABRERA  
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REPORTER

Approximately 260 high school seniors from public and private high schools on Saipan expressed an interest in signing up for the U.S. Coast Guard during a recruitment campaign last month.

Lt. Christine Torres Igisomar, command duty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Academy, Coast Guard Recruiting Command, and Coast Guard Sector Guam, said the September recruiting trip was a great success.

"We reached high school seniors at all the public high schools and the two largest private schools on Saipan. We also reached Northern Marianas College students, and young adults who've since graduated from high school," she said.

Lt. Jonathan R. Girot and YN1 (yeoman first class) Mark Prijic led the recruitment drive on Saipan.

"From the weeklong recruiting trip, we were able to send one person to Hawaii to complete the medical and physical exams. The recruiter in Hawaii is in touch with all the interested persons we reached, and will be working with them throughout the year in hopes they meet all requirements to

join the Coast Guard," Igisomar added.

At the recruitment presentation in Kagman High School last month, senior counselor Valerie Deleon Guerrero-Quitano said this was the first time that the U.S. Coast Guard visited Saipan for recruitment because it has always just been the U.S. Army and Marines that would come.

"It's really important for the kids to see these kinds of presentation because it opens their eyes to different opportunities," she said.

According to Girot, the Coast Guard used to have a recruiting office in Guam, which closed about 10 years ago.

"Since then, potential candidates work through the recruiting office in Honolulu, Hawaii," he said.

"The Coast Guard is no stranger to the CNMI as Lt. Igisomar, an active duty commissioned officer who has served in the Coast Guard the past 15 years, wanted to share the opportunity with the

young people of the CNMI," he added.

During the recruitment process of the U.S. Army on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in August, one of the challenges was the weight issue, according to Sgt. 1st class Yovany Rivero.

"A lot of the challenge... is the weight issue on the island so we have to make sure we work on lowering the weight for some folks. Most of the age group that come in are from 17 to 21 [years old] and...we understand it is the culture," he said.

Igisomar said that weight is definitely a challenge for all military branches and it is no different for the Coast Guard, which is seeking people who are physically strong to accomplish its missions.

"I know people who've lost anywhere from 40 to 100 lbs just so they could meet the weight requirements to join the Coast Guard. Meeting weight requirements doesn't end once you arrive at boot

camp. In the Coast Guard, all members are expected to meet weight requirements every six months," she added.

The U.S. Coast Guard plans to have another recruitment trip to the CNMI in May next year.

"We are looking to visit Tinian and Rota during that trip," Igisomar said.

Girot said that joining the U.S. Coast Guard is an amazing opportunity but it takes work and discipline and these are the type of people that the

U.S. Coast Guard wants to be in the service.

"I'd like to encourage the future generation to work hard and push yourself in school, throughout extra-curricular activities, and surround yourself with mentors and role models who will encourage you to make good life choices," he said.

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These are excerpts from Akira Ito's winning impromptu speeches from the last two monthly qualifying competitions of the Primary Grades Forensic Conference, Kindergarten to 2nd grade division.

Ito, a Grade 2 student at Grace Christian Academy who has been joining PGFC competitions since Kindergarten, is a consistent first place winner in Impromptu Speaking.

He wants to be like his sister, Minna Natsuko Ito, a GCA graduate who was a consistent regional winner at PGFC and a national competitor representing the CNMI in the national forensic competition since Grade 6 and until she graduated high school last year.

Both Itos are emblematic of the performances of GCA

students, who've won first places in Impromptu Speaking in both the Kindergarten to 2nd grade division and 3rd to 5th grades division last September and three first places out of four they joined in October.

Esther Manzano, GCA's PGFC coach and coordinator, said that Impromptu Speaking is a favorite event among

all the six events in PGFC because it is the most unpredictable, most exciting, and always full of surprises.

No one can tell what will happen because competitors just pick three topics and choose one topic and talk about it on the spot, with only 5 minutes to prepare.

Manzano loves to coach the Kindergarten to 2nd grade stu-

dents. You can find her in the Impromptu Speaking rooms during competitions, coaching the younger students. She believes that impromptu speaking is an excellent training ground for students to improve their public speaking.

Below is the list of all GCA October winners from Kindergarten to 5th grade.

## K-2 DIVISION

### Humorous Interpretation A

Anne Gabrielle Emalie Arriola, 1st Place  
En Mei Victoria Huang, 2nd Place  
Justo Jeremiah Quitugua, 5th Place

### Dramatic Interpretation A

Akira Ito, 2nd Place  
Prince Jhulz Reyes, 4th Place

### Duo Interpretation A

Aiyana Victory Fatialofa, 5th Place  
Llyanna Jaira Manalang, 5th Place

### Impromptu Speaking A

Anne Gabrielle Emalie Arriola, 4th Place  
En Mei Victoria Huang, 5th Place

### Impromptu Speaking C

Akira Ito, 1st Place  
Eliane Nerisse Pagaduan, 2nd Place  
Avania Clarise Quichcho, 3rd Place  
Hannah Gabaldon, 4th Place

### Readers Forum Masters B

Eliane Nerisse Pagaduan, 1st Place  
Llyanna Jaira Manalang, 2nd Place

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Grace Christian Academy students pose for a souvenir photo inside the Rev. Raymond S. Kinsella Library at the Navy Hill campus.

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As of Oct. 1, 2017, the program was able to pick up 2,461 dogs and impounded them at one time or another at the program's shelter in As Lito, he said.

In the last survey on the stray dog population on Saipan that was conducted in 2014, it counted over 21,000 dogs.

Marchadesch said he and his crew are working on a new survey to determine the current population of stray dogs.

In a previous interview, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said it is important to clear the villages of stray dogs because they can be harmful to pedestrians who are walk-

ing on the streets, they can be harmful to drivers at night, and they constantly dig through garbage bins, not only polluting the environment but also causing the possible spread of viruses.

According to Marchadesch, he and his team are working as hard as they possibly can to pick up as many stray dogs as possible.

Unfortunately, the dog pound can only house 40 to 50 dogs and the same number of cats at a time. Because of this, the dogs that are not adopted are euthanized to make space for more animals.

The program has two groups that bring in five to 10 dogs a day, according to a previous article on the *Saipan Tribune*.

Yesterday, the *Saipan Tri-*

*bune* was able to acquire data from the dog control program's office that dates back to 2014 when the survey was first conducted.

In 2014, 601 dogs were registered, 870 were impounded, 47 were reclaimed by owners, 19 were adopted, and 804 were euthanized.

In 2015, 485 dogs were registered, 651 were impounded, 19 were reclaimed, 47 were adopted, 782 were euthanized, and 380 were spayed or neutered.

In 2016, 426 dogs were registered, 760 were impounded, 17 were reclaimed by owners, 161 were adopted, 623 were euthanized, and 370 were spayed or neutered.

This year, as of Oct. 1, 36 dogs were registered, 180 were impounded, six dogs were reclaimed, 19 dogs were adopted,

and 130 were euthanized.

From 2014 up until Oct. 1, 2017, the animal control program reported that 527 dead dogs were removed from the streets.

Marchadesch requests that pet owners help the program by doing their part in getting their dogs registered and confined on a leash, an enclosed lot, or premises so that the program can focus on stray dogs.

If owners can no longer care for their pets, they may call the dog control office at 234-8905 or 783-4743 for pick up, free of charge.

According to Marchadesch, the dog control program is currently working with Spay and Neuter Network in Texas to conduct another low-cost spay and neuter program on Saipan by February of 2018.

this benefits both CHCC and TakeCare," he added.

Another TakeCare member, Donna Rivera, said it is great news that CHCC will start accommodating TakeCare subscribers.

"This makes the patient's life easier. Knowing that not all clinics are available at night, we have only CHCC to go to for urgent emergency medical care. When people are sick, every minute matters. The sooner they get medical attention, the healthier our community will be," she said.

Both CHCC and TakeCare have agreed to work on a contract that will solidify the relationship between the two parties.

## TAKECARE

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is an essential partner in this work, specifically our commitment to health and access to quality care in the region," Larsen added.

According to CHCC CEO Esther Muña, this new arrangement allows CHCC to sustainably continue providing the best possible care for TakeCare members in the CNMI.

When patients go to a clinic or hospital that is considered a network provider, members can be assured that their insurance plan can pay for the service benefits provided by a

network provider.

In the case of CHCC, TakeCare members can now go back to availing of the services of the Commonwealth Health Center and the hospital will then bill TakeCare, instead of the patient, for the services rendered.

"It is a demonstration of our shared commitment to ensuring the highest quality of care is accessible and affordable to TakeCare members," Muña said.

Last month, CHCC stopped accepting TakeCare insurance due to several years' worth of hospital claims that had to be reconciled. On TakeCare's side, it declared that CHCC is not a participating provider in TakeCare's provider network.

With the latest development,

Take Care member Mark (surname withheld) said, "This news gives me peace of mind in that, if ever we are in an accident or an emergency happens, we could go and access CHCC as an in-network provider. When news broke out that TakeCare doesn't have that kind of relationship with CHCC, there was some panic in our household because aside from me, my wife is also using TakeCare as an insurer."

"It's good that they were able to reconcile the billings and TakeCare and CHCC were able to come to an agreement. Insurance is a big issue not only on island but also in the states. This is good news for everybody and hopefully

Avania Clarise Quichcho, 4th Place

### Readers Forum Masters B

Jennifer Woo, 3rd Place  
Jeongyun Jang, 5th Place

### Readers Forum Masters C

Hannah Gabaldon, 1st Place  
Prince Jhulz Reyes, 4th Place

### 3-5 DIVISION

#### Dramatic Interpretation A

Jennifer Woo, 3rd Place  
Justin Yao Ma, 5th Place

#### Duo Interpretation A

Clarisse Angelique Marzan, 1st Place  
Min Su Andy Kim, 1st Place

#### Impromptu Speaking A

Earljean Jonathan Pantaleon, 1st Place  
Moira Grace Ernest, 2nd Place  
Ayden Sean Yumul, 5th Place

#### Impromptu Speaking B

Nestor Ablog Jr., 1st Place  
Angleysha Marie Punzalan, 2nd Place  
Rafael Busby, 3rd Place  
Eunice Nicole Pagaduan, 5th Place

## PSS

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whether that 25 percent would be taken from the general revenues after the payments of earmarks and outstanding CNMI debts.

Lawmakers are currently in a quandary over that, with discussions centered on the definition of "general revenue" in relation to the public education system in the CNMI.

The minority leader, Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), believes that PSS should receive 25 percent of the annual Commonwealth general revenues prior to the deduction of earmarks or any sums are set aside.

To put that into perspective, PSS will receive over \$34 million in fiscal year 2017. The total identified budgetary resource, according to House Concurrent Resolution 19-03, is over \$212.6 million as of June 30, 2016, in which over \$75.6 million of this amount is already earmarked or set aside for debt service.

In the calculations of the PSS budget, the \$75.6 million was not included, significantly decreasing the amount owed to PSS according to the CNMI Constitution since the latter did not specify whether or not

## ANOTHER

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ditions for small craft operation into next week.

Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios advised CNMI residents to stay informed of the latest statements and advisories.

Palacios also encouraged the public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating small boats, to avoid sailing in these conditions.

He advised against venturing to exposed reef lines and beaches, as rip currents will be life threatening.

About the latest circulation, the weather service said

that it is quasi-stationary, with winds of 20 to 25 miles per hour, and is now the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

The impacts of the circulation on the Marianas would likely not occur prior to the weekend.

As of 1pm yesterday, Typhoon Lan's center was 645 miles north-northwest of Koror, 675 miles northwest of Yap, 970 miles west-northwest of Guam, and 1,020 miles west of Saipan. It was packing maximum sustained winds of 75 miles per hour.

Lan is forecasted to proceed east of Okinawa, Japan on Sunday. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Over \$10.1 million rebates issued in FY 2016

With the opening of the new fiscal year, over \$10.1 million in taxes were paid out in fiscal year 2016 in the form of rebates, according to Finance Secretary Larissa Larson.

"About 86.6 percent of taxes have been paid out to individual taxpayers, and the remaining percentage is awaiting filing clearance for errors. We expect that, as soon as more taxpayers clear any issues, the rebates will amount to over \$11.68 million."



Larson

We are encouraging those who have yet to receive their tax rebates to call our division for assistance," Larson said.

Larson noted that the Division of Revenue and Taxation has taken significant steps to speed up the processing time of returns.

"We anticipate an even faster release for tax year 2017 filings and, as soon as forms are ready, we will announce its availability to the general public," Larson said.

Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios added that Finance personnel put in long hours and hard work into ensuring the timely release of taxes.

"In my consultations with both Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, we are steadily improving our efficiency with available resources and are pleased that [fiscal year] 2016 was one of the fastest disbursements in the history of DOF. There is more progress ahead of us and we hope to develop more efficient methods in the coming years," Palacios said.

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# Saipan loses WWII veteran

Robert Arthur Burke, 91, of Janesville, Wisconsin, a veteran of World War II on Saipan, passed away last Sept. 27, 2017.

He was surrounded by his family in the home of his son, Jim Burke, who is a U.S. Army JROTC instructor at Kagman High School for the past 17 years and is a business owner of Friendly Market in San Jose.

Robert Arthur Burke was born on Nov. 2, 1925, in Virginia, MN. His family moved to Duluth, MN, and then Cu-

dahy, Wisconsin during the Great Depression. He graduated from Cudahy High School in 1944 and served the entire World War II on Saipan.

Burke graduated from the Milwaukee State Teachers College in 1950 and received his master's degree from UW-Madison in 1951. He was a teacher in the Janesville public school for 37.5 years.

He was a man of boundless energy who worked hard all of his life. In addition to teaching elementary school, he coached many after-school sports; did

janitorial work during school breaks; was a camp counselor during summer breaks; and delivered pizza evenings and weekends. He received many awards and accolades during his teaching career.

Burke loved life, loved to sing, loved to sail and loved to dance. Most of all, he loved his wife and 11 children. Burke always had a joke or poem for every conversational topic. He truly enjoyed expanding his worldly knowledge. After his retirement in 1990, Burke traveled to many foreign places.

He always had a sparkle in his eye as he shared what he learned about different cultures and countries.

Burke sang in church and community choirs throughout his life and enjoyed playing many musical instruments. He especially enjoyed singing and performing with the Troubadour Choir in his later years.

Burke was a member of the Janesville Kiwanis Golden K for 12 years, the Janesville Eagles Club for three years, and a lifetime member of the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Robert Arthur Burke, 91, of Janesville, Wisconsin, a veteran of World War II on Saipan, passed away last Sept. 27, 2017.

Janesville VFW. His motto was: "Be nice, be good, and don't be stupid."

Burke is preceded in death by his father, Robert Francis Burke; his mother, Jane Fisher Burke; two brothers, Richard and William Burke; a sister, Elaine Nault; his loving wife of 52 years, Myrtle Eilene O'Kelly Burke; his son, John Edwin Burke; and his son-in-law, Dennis Metzger.

Burke is survived by his sister, Genevieve Burke; 10 children: Carrie (Gary) Glover, Patricia (Thomas) Schraeder, James (Apple) Burke, Michael Burke, Eilene

(James) Shroeckenthaler, Holly Metzger, Adair (Richard) Moccero, Kathleen Burke, Susan (Timothy) Custer, Robert (Darcy) Burke, and 21 grandchildren.

Burke has returned to Saipan twice to visit his son, James Burke, and a granddaughter who was born on Saipan. He always commented on how much Saipan has changed over the years into a beautiful wonderful island.

He was last honored at the 70th Liberation Day on June 15, 2014, where he received the Saipan liberation medal from the governor of Saipan. (PR)



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## Inocencio, Fernandez win 1st place in poetry contest

The 14th Annual Valentine Sengebau Poetry Competition hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council highlighted the indigenous culture of the CNMI, its loss of identity, and its politics.

A total of 30 students from junior high and high school

went on stage at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center theater last Tuesday night to showcase their interpretation of the pieces that they chose from Valentine Sengebau's book of poetry, *Microchild*.

In keeping with the compe-

tition theme, the performers chose poems that focused on the CNMI's indigenous culture, the loss of cultural identity on the islands, and even politics in the CNMI.

According to Humanities Council executive director Scott Russell, the students

who take part in the competition only get better each passing year.

"Everybody was really good. I did not see any weak performances, everyone was strong, polished..." he said.

What made this year's competition more exciting, Russell

said, is that Rota and Tinian students ventured to Saipan for the contest.

Russell

said the competition not only promotes literary skills but also capacity building in junior high and high school students and promotes what the humanities stand for.

"The idea is getting students as young as junior high school involved in humanities programming and in practicing the humanities," said Russell.

First-time competitor Vivian Liu was amazed that her interpretation of the piece she chose won her second place in the junior high school division.

"I was shocked, I thought everyone was better than

me," she said.

Liu said that she will definitely continue competing. She took home \$150 as her prize.

First place in the junior high division went to Juliet Inocencio, earning her \$200 and a plaque.

Patresiha Concillado, Elaine Fernandez, and Jonathan Wolfe were awarded third places and each were awarded \$100.

For the high school division, first place went to Jeremiah Fernandez, second place was awarded to Edson Valdisimo, and third place was awarded to Monica Aira Usi. The high school division got the same awards as the winners of the junior high school division.

(*Kimberly A. Bautista*)

## Ukulele classes at JKPL

Registration for both beginner and advanced ukulele classes at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is now open.

The classes are open to children ages 8 years or older and adults.

The total cost for eight class sessions is \$50. Ukulele classes are held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, in partnership with ukulele instructor Larry Lee and Kui Lee.

The deadline to register is

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017.

The JKPL ukulele classes are based on "first come, first paid."

Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets (plastic sheet protectors and a three-ring binder are recommended).

Parents and guardians must sign a liability waiver

form on behalf of their participating children and must adhere to public library policies and procedures.

For questions regarding intermediate ukulele class, call Celina Foreman at 235-7315/7322 during regular library hours. Class dates are subject to change. (PR)



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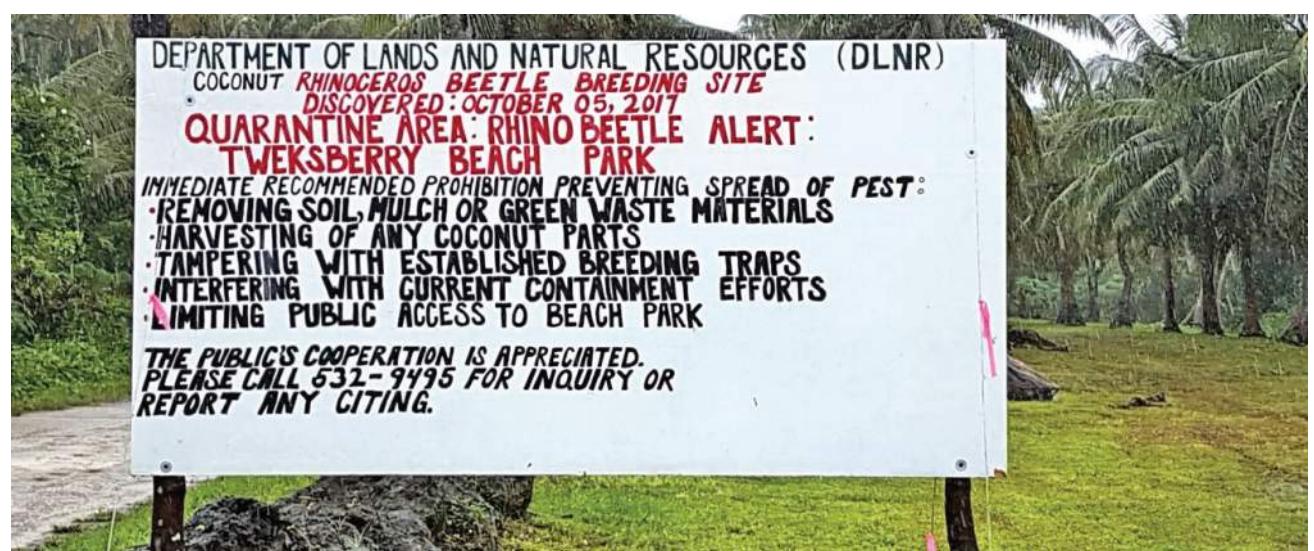
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#### CONTAINMENT MEASURE

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources has closed off the Tweksberry Park on Rota after officials declared the area as a breeding site for the invasive coconut rhinoceros beetle.

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## MCS students show growth in nat'l reading assessment

Mount Carmel School students recently improved their performance on a national reading assessment designed to improve interdisciplinary literacy.

Early in the school year—from Aug. 1 through Sept. 30—65 percent of MCS students are already approaching, meeting, or exceeding literacy benchmarks for college and workforce readiness.

The assessment was part of the school's participation in Achieve3000, a cloud-based suite of interactive readings, formative assessments, and other resources that promote differentiated instruction and interdisciplinary reading for all grade levels.

In a recent report sent to the school, Achieve3000 CEO Saki Dodelson wrote that the program uses a "patented method of blended, differentiated instruction proven to dramatically accelerate reading gains for all learners."

In addition to showing gains on the assessment, the update

## Man gets 21-day prison sentence for beating up tourist in Garapan

A man who punched a male tourist in the face and kicked him for no apparent reason in front of the Garapan fire station last April was sentenced to 21 days in prison.

At a hearing on Tuesday, Larry John K. Norita, 22, pleaded guilty to assault and battery as part of a plea deal and was slapped with a one-year prison sentence, all suspended except for 21 days.

He was given credit for two days of time served. He was ordered to report to the Department of Corrections last Wednesday at 8am to begin serving his sentence. He is expected to be released from prison on Nov. 7 at 6pm.

After completing his sentence, Norita will be placed on supervised probation for three years. He was ordered to pay \$1,814 in restitution to Yanfei Che for injuries/damages resulting from the assault.

Norita was also required to pay a \$200 fine, \$25 in court costs, and \$420 in probation service fee. He was ordered to report for anger management.

## Then-OPA staff allegedly stole \$900 petty cash on Aug. 8, 2016.

No other details were provided in the information.

Saipan Tribune learned that Diaz, 52, used to work as an administrative assistant with OPA. She left OPA last year.

The Superior Court's clerk of court summoned Diaz to appear in court on Nov. 20, 2017.

If Diaz fails to do so, an application may be made for the issuance of a warrant for her arrest. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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# 'Tourism a big part of GDP growth'

The Marianas Visitors Authority is very pleased with the report of the Bureau of Economic Analysis last Monday that the CNMI's gross domestic product grew by 28.6 percent in 2016.

This is huge deal for the CNMI and the islands' tourism body, according to MVA executive director Chris Concepcion.

"The data released by the BEA shows...that tourism [is] roughly 72 percent of the entire economy of the CNMI," he said.

"This matters tremendously because it shows the impact that the tourism industry has on our daily lives. We always say that tourism is everybody's business, and we mean it," he added.

MVA recognizes other sources that were factored in to achieve the GDP increase.

"The increase in arrivals is one. The increase in gaming revenue is another. The increase in construction spending is another. There is an overall positive vibe happening in the CNMI and we hope this continues for the foreseeable future," he said.

According to Concepcion, the significant growth redounds to the benefit of people.

"The increase in GDP will help our people in their daily lives. This significant increase should spread throughout the community so it benefits everyone. For our part, we will use these figures to further the cause of the tourism industry. It's imperative that the community support the tourism industry in whatever way they can because this is the only industry we have," he said. *(Bea Cabrera)*

## CLUB 200 DONORS



Saipan Brewing Company donates \$2,600 to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter to support the 28th Annual Club 200 event.

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# DOI hosts forum on US-affiliated nations in Pacific

WASHINGTON—U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Doug Domenech hosted several presentations yesterday focused on economic performance, policies, and possibilities for the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

"[Yesterday's] presentations are meant to inform and encourage policy discussions for the U.S. government and the governments of the FSM, the RMI, and Palau," said Domenech. "We are committed to the partnerships we have under the Compacts of Free Association and to work-

ing collaboratively toward enhanced social and economic development for the people now and into the future."

Highlights from the presentations:

■ Economic performance was shown to have varied substantially across all three nations within specific sub-periods of the overall period from fiscal years 2003 to 2016. The RMI had the best overall performance over the period despite extraordinary challenges typical of small, remote and fragile island economies. Palau's performance excelled over the latter portion of the period due to a rapid expansion of tourism.

## 4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged four Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites Jeffrey's Beach, Hidden Beach, Ladder Beach, and Unai Dangkulo.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of

## Water outage in As Lito, Koblerville

There will be a scheduled water service interruption for residents along Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road from the As Lito Road intersection through portions of Koblerville on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, from 8am to 5pm.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services soon after.

CUC's contractor, Tropex Garden, will be connecting the new 6-inch distribution main to the existing mainline. This project is part of an ongoing As Lito Distribution System Upgrade and Service Lateral Relocation/Reconnection Project and is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protec-

fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

The new connection will be located in front of the Ming Li Store in As Lito.

As a result to the new connection, a more effective and efficient water operation will be provided to the public.

Due to the closure of the northbound lane and for the safety of men and women working at the site, motorists are advised to proceed with caution and take alternative routes when traveling by the area.

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## Marriage Encounter Weekend set

The next CNMI Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan from Nov. 17-19 2017. Couples reside at the resort for the entire weekend to attend the communication workshop. It is open to husband and wife couples of all denominations and mixed faiths.

Marriage Encounter Weekends have been given in the CNMI since 1980s. All sharing between spouses is private, and this is not a weekend to solve problems!

The Weekend will begin around 8pm on Friday, continuing all day Saturday and Sunday, culminating in a special event Sunday afternoon. Participants are asked to have dinner on Friday evening only. (PR)

■ The Compact Trust Funds for the FSM and RMI were contrasted with that of Palau, with the most profound difference between the funds being the design. The FSM and the RMI's funds were designed to last in perpetuity as a source of funding support following the expiration of direct grant assistance in 2023, whereas Palau's fund was designed as a sinking fund to provide budgetary support at a fixed level—thereby declining in real value—only through the 50th year of the Compact relationship. The presentation also highlighted opportunities

for the U.S., FSM, and RMI governments to improve rules and ensure smooth transitions from direct grants to trust fund distributions in 2024 with respect to the FSM and the RMI.

■ A policy scorecard was presented with summary scores for each nation in 19 separate categories of potential reform focus. All three nations scored well in fiscal responsibility factors. On the other hand, all three have had been frustrated in their attempts to reform and modernize their tax policies and tax administration.

■ Pacific Possible: Potential areas of opportunity presented

include tourism and fisheries with access to improved internet access and connectivity accelerating the spread of knowledge and increasing productivity. Non-communicable diseases and climate and disaster resilience were identified as risks to prosperity in the Pacific.

Graduate School USA economists Kevin O'Keefe and Dr. Mark Sturton presented economic and policy perspectives on the Pacific as part of a Graduate School USA Economic Monitoring and Analysis Program contracted through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

Other Graduate School USA programs funded by the Technical Assistance Program through OIA include the Island Government Finance Officers Association, the Executive Leadership Development Program, the Association of Pacific Island Public Auditors, and the island governments' Performer program.

World Bank program leader Robert Utz presented Pacific Possible, with a focus on potential opportunities in the FSM, RMI, and Palau, exploring both areas of economic viability and potential risks for the next 25 years in the Northern Pacific. (PR)

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# The Shack Saipan thrives on sustainability

By BEA CABRERA  
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REPORTER

Glen Hunter, who co-owns The Shack with his family, has a very specific idea of how he wants their customers to feel.

"Growing up, our house always had an open door," he said. "My mom always welcomed everybody, she loved people with food, and she's the role model in mind in developing this place."

That's the vibe he wants The Shack to have—a feeling of being at home that you let your guard down and loosen up.

His mom, Gloria herself, is a fixture at The Shack. Some days, she helps out the wait staff. That adds to the place's homelike ambiance.

"We definitely want people to feel like they walked into someone's home and that they are a welcome addition to someone's home like they walked in to my mom's house," said Hunter.

That relaxed and intimate ambiance is on top of the philosophy that drives The Shack, which is the concept of "thriving on sustainability."

Hunter said he grew up thinking that food or anything for that matter shouldn't go to waste and that also applies to The Shack since its establishment five years ago.

"What we try to do is to try to lead by example. There's a Gandhi quote that I truly believe in—'Be the change that you want to see in the world—and that is the way we try to run the company. It's not a philosophy about one aspect. It is across-the-board in the way we treat our



BEA CABRERA

From Left: Glen Hunter, Izza Camacho, Nina Kaipat, M.J. Sikelbert, Sid Romolor, and Henry Worswick. "We are blessed to have this team that love what they do, enjoy themselves at work and it shows in the way they treat our customers and are not afraid to give," Hunter said.

customers, the environment, the way we treat our food, the way we treat our co-workers," Hunter said.

Thriving on sustainability is also the best way they know to help with the environment.

"On the food side, we try to go as local as possible. There are some challenges, that's why we keep a flexible menu and we try to incorporate as many local ingredients as possible. We integrate imported items when we have to. But what that does is it allows us to purchase items directly from farmers out here," he added.

The Shack uses about 60 to 100 lbs of bananas weekly. It sources this item directly from the islands' farmers.

"I've heard other restaurants say that that they can't utilize local farmers too much because of consistency as they

need the items religiously every week. We like consistency but we don't require it. We alter our menu to adapt. So during dragon fruit and pineapple season, we will incorporate them into the menu. If it's out of season, we won't," Hunter said.

Another influence that Hunter practices is limiting The Shack's food waste.

"This is something that has been drilled into my head by my mother growing up that you don't waste food," he said.

When the restaurant does have food waste, these are given to farmers as food for pigs.

"That way we provide food for animals so that can go back to the community for food purposes," Hunter said.

The restaurant also saves its coffee grounds and spent tea and gives them to the Northern Marianas College-Coop-

erative Research Extension & Educational Services for composting purposes.

"CREES came back and dropped off cucumbers that came from the compost that we are giving them. Now they are looking at us to test their crops and find out how they work, how customers enjoy them, and see the quality so they can also teach other farmers the process that they are doing," he said.

Being sustainable is synonymous to being a strong community partner. The Shack donates to causes that champion sustainability, whether it's the Green Gala of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance or anything of that nature.

"For disposables, we get the compostable and eco-friendly ones. They are made out of plant products like sugar cane.

In that way, they are safer for the environment and can be composted," he said.

Sustainability is also about not creating eyesores and messes that are unattractive to the environment and harm rather than help.

The building itself that houses The Shack is an example. "It was kind of an abandoned space. It was a beautiful little flower shop but it has been closed for almost a decade. So grass have grown around it and right by the roadside it was an eyesore—two container buildings that were unused and unutilized."

The Shack also provides a venue for local events like poetry nights, arts, meetings, and other activities that encourage small groups to be active and do something worthwhile.

Five years into the business, The Shack is still in its infancy but it aims to continue to grow with the changing times and how to be sustainably effective in small doses.

"The Shack is definitely organically grown as far as the philosophy is concerned. We see areas that we can better ourselves, we definitely strive toward it, and everyday we try to do a little bit more. Our goal is to always be a little bit better than we were the day before," Hunter said.

"That's our philosophy in all things—in the way we treat the community, our customers, and the way we produce our food. We are not competing with anybody else in town, we are just competing with our yesterday's self so that's all we continuously do and strive for," he added.

## TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguijan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Hearing Room.

## AGENDA

### I. PRELIMINARY

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda

### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Chair's Report
- b. Executive Director's Report

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tinian Entertainment Company, Ltd. Waiver of Penalty Fees

### V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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For more information or if you would like to be a part of the event and give out treats, register with Jovannalyn Mafnas by Oct. 27, 2017 at [jmafna@pacifichistoricparks.org](mailto:jmafna@pacifichistoricparks.org) or call 234-7207 Ext. 2020. (NPS)

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**Water service outage on Saipan**

There will be a scheduled water service interruption for the Chalan Piao, San Antonio, Chalan Kanoa, Oleai, San Jose, Koblerville and Susupe areas on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, from 8am to 5pm to repair a leaking 6-inch transmission line. Repairs will be located in the corner of Guangdong Hardware in As Lito. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. (CUC)

**Ukulele festival this Saturday**

The 3rd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival will take place this Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at the Garapan Fishing Base. It is free and open to the public. Workshops are scheduled from 12pm to 2pm, and open mic sessions will also be available for spontaneous performances. For more information, contact Larry Lee at [marianasukufest@gmail.com](mailto:marianasukufest@gmail.com) or call 285-7127, or Gordon Marciano at 285-1195. For more information, visit [www.marianasukulelefestival.org](http://www.marianasukulelefestival.org). (PR)

**Casting call for FOA Christmas show**

The ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society will stage Charles

Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. The auditions will be held at the Marianas High School on Wednesdays, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, starting at 6pm. Show dates will be Dec. 15, 16, and 17. For more information, contact Marilou at 256-9540 or email [saipanfoa@gmail.com](mailto:saipanfoa@gmail.com), subject line: Christmas Show. (PR)

**Kagman Community Church offers free rides to church**

Kagman Community Church is offering free rides to church for anyone in the Kagman area. Rides are offered every Sunday for the 6pm worship service. The Sunday worship service includes music, a Bible study, a separate children's Bible study, and a snack. Rides are also offered to the free, monthly Saturday community breakfast. This is held the last Saturday of the month at 9am. KCC also has a monthly potluck on the last Sunday of the month at 5pm. Please call Zack at 789-8071 if you would like a ride. All ages are welcome. (PR)

**PH consulate to hold NMI outreach**

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, will conduct a mobile consular outreach in the CNMI from Nov. 13 to 17, 2017 (Monday to Friday) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 9am to 6pm. Those who wish to renew their passport, submit your application at the Finasisu Terraces, Apartment Building D, second floor (top of the Mini-Mart Store), Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (12pm to 1pm, break time). For any inquiry about passport renewal, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. (PR)

**FOA movie night to feature *The BFG***

Friends of the Arts will be hosting another Friday Night at the Movies this Oct. 20, starting at 7:30 pm, at the Navy Hill baseball field, featuring the movie *The BFG*. Bring your own chairs, relax and enjoy a night. You can bring food and we'll also sell snacks. Entrance fee is \$3 for children under 11 and \$5 for adults and children aged 11 or older. FOA will reschedule for Saturday, Oct. 21, starting at 7:30pm, if it rains on Friday. (PR)

**Limited tickets for 'Ultimate Drag Queen' on Nov. 4**

In celebration of their 25th year anniversary in the CNMI, the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club will host a fundraiser called "The Ultimate Drag Queen 2017" on Nov. 4, at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. VIP tickets cost \$25 and general admission is \$15. RProceed from the event will be used for the club's community projects.

For more details, call club president Annamae Adaza at 285-4388, vice president Lourdes Ortiz at 785-2306, VP Leony Mendoza at 287-7563, secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, or Ernie Molina at 789-8212. (PR)

**Riddle of the Exporter training**

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a "Riddle of the Exporter" training on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 8am to 5pm, at the Pacific Islands Club, Napu Room. It will be presented by Elyse Eriksson, MBA, CGPA. This seminar is supported by the CNMI Department of Commerce and

Commonwealth Development Authority. To register, contact the SBDC office at (670) 664-3018 or go to <http://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com/events>. To make a payment, contact Christy Kintol at CDA at 234-6245 Ext. 310. (PR)

**Free entrepreneurship training**

As part of its Entrepreneur Training Program, the Latte Training Academy is inviting aspiring entrepreneurs to attend their first free training on "Making Your Dream Into a Success," on Oct. 25 at the Latte Training Academy Lab (third floor, Marianas Business Plaza). This training is being held as part of

the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Business Enterprise Grant program. Under this program, the Latte Training Academy, Inc. is providing specialized training and technical services to help new entrepreneurs navigate the CNMI's unique business landscape, as well as tailor their businesses to the specific conditions of the economy. To register or for more information, visit [www.lattetrainingacademy.com](http://www.lattetrainingacademy.com). (PR)

**CNMI-OSHA outreach training on Saipan**

The CNMI-OSHA Consultation Program will be conducting a free outreach training on Saipan on Oct. 24 (Tuesday)

and Oct. 26, 2017 (Thursday), starting at 9am on both days, at the CNMI-OSHA Consultation Office training room.

Private sector employers interested in learning about OSHA injury and illness recordkeeping and reporting requirements are invited to participate. Seats are limited, so call Elaine Pangelinan at 664-3156 or email to [Elaine.pangelinan@gmail.com](mailto:Elaine.pangelinan@gmail.com) to reserve your seats.

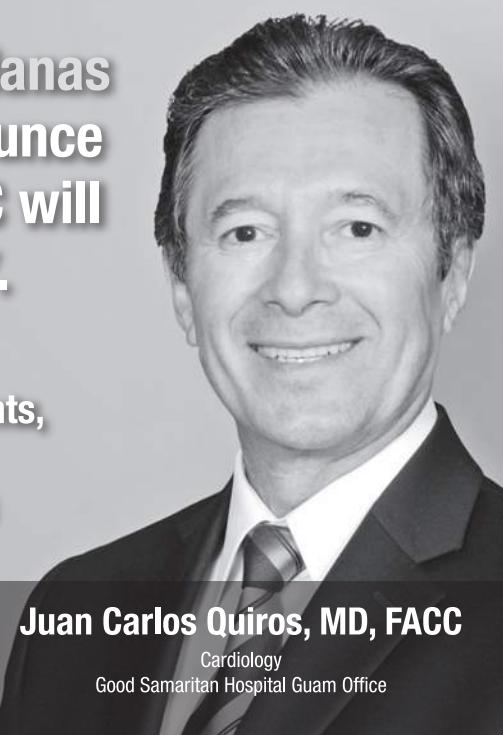
Outreach training for Rota and Tinian will be announced at a later date.

This program is voluntary, is not required by OSHA, and does not meet the training requirements of OSHA standards. (PR)

## Good Samaritan Hospital and Marianas Medical Center is pleased to announce that Juan Carlos Quiros, MD, FACC will be on island November 9-11, 2017.

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## EDITORIAL

### Trump's art-of-the-deal style of governing doesn't put America first

**A**merica has never had a presidency quite like Donald Trump's. His art-of-the-deal approach to governing has fellow Republicans cringing whenever he makes an unexpected move that not only puts his political interests above his party's but also threatens its future existence.

Take Trump's decision last week to stop reimbursing insurance companies for discounts to lower-income customers with Affordable Care Act policies. If a Congressional Budget Office analysis is right, that primarily middle-class families will be hurt by Trump's move, the Republican Party will feel the pain later.

That's fine with former Trump aide Stephen K. Bannon, who since leaving the White House in August has called for a GOP purge. Bannon, who wants Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to pay for failing to kill Obamacare, hailed Trump's subsidies decision. Trump is "gonna blow that thing up," Bannon said Saturday, talking about Obamacare at a Values Voter Summit in Washington.

Trump said he won't end the subsidies if the Senate finds a way to end Obamacare. But the Department of Health and Human Services said the subsidies would end immediately, citing an opinion by Attorney General Jeff Sessions that the Obama White House overstepped its authority in agreeing to reimburse insurance companies for discounted premiums.

The CBO pointed out that low-income policyholders will qualify for assistance to help them pay the higher premiums insurance companies will charge if they lose their Obamacare subsidies. But middle-class families, whose higher incomes disqualify them for premium assistance, may pay up to 20 percent more for health insurance in 2018 and 25 percent by 2020.

The budget office said Trump's decision would also increase the federal deficit—by \$6 billion in 2018, \$21 billion in 2020, and \$26 billion in 2026—because the government will have to pay larger subsidies to low-income families to cover the higher premiums they must pay after the insurance companies stop receiving subsidies.

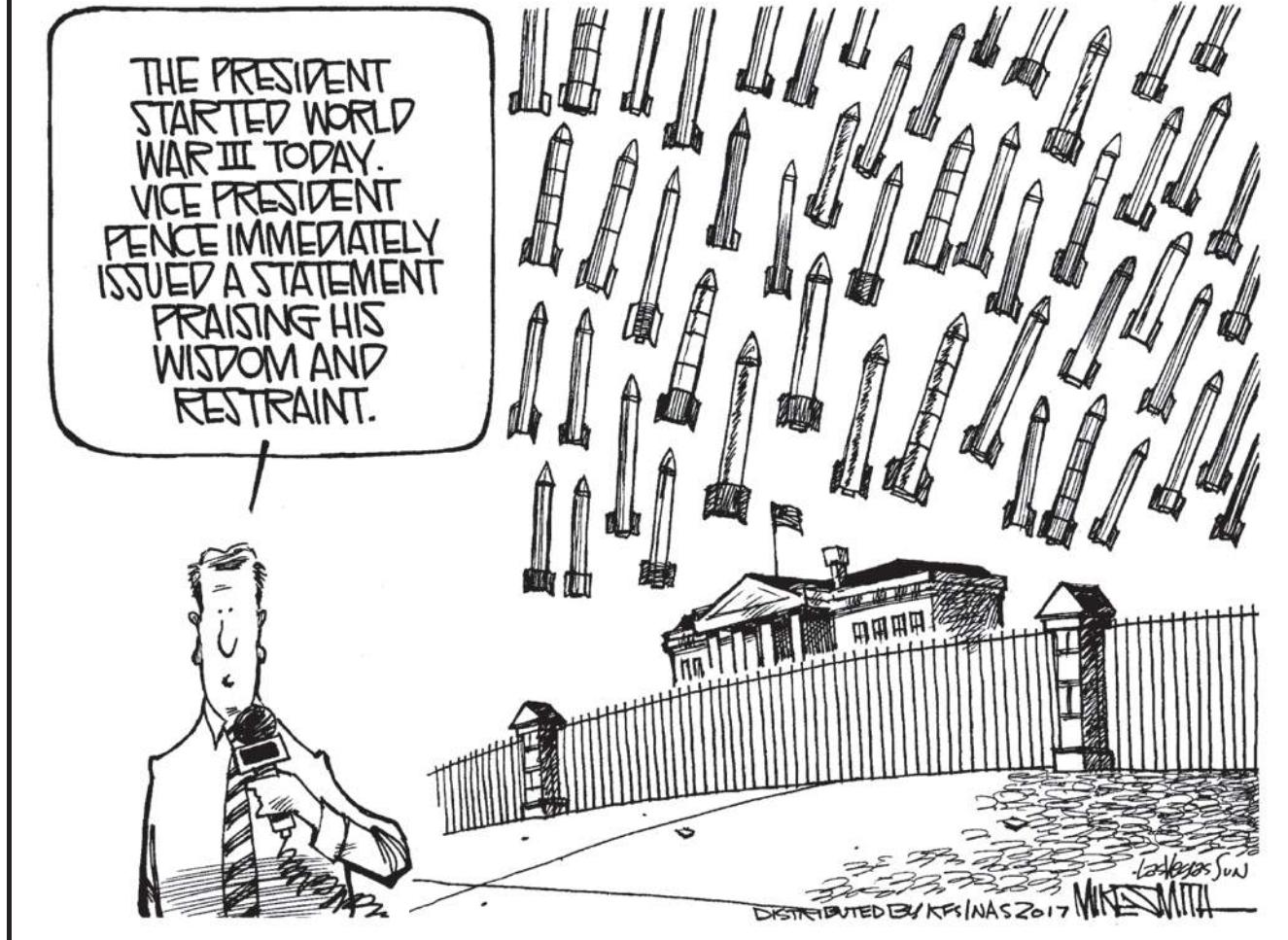
All these contortions just so Trump can convince his neo-conservative base that, unlike the Republican congressional leadership, he hasn't given up on killing Obamacare.

Trump has taken a similar approach to immigration, giving Sessions the green light to crack down on sanctuary cities and threatening to deport the "Dreamers," nearly 700,000 immigrants brought into this country illegally as children by their parents.

The Justice Department, for example, sent Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney a letter giving him until Oct. 27 to comply with Immigration and Customs Enforcement requests to

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THE PRESIDENT STARTED WORLD WAR III TODAY. VICE PRESIDENT PENCE IMMEDIATELY ISSUED A STATEMENT PRAISING HIS WISDOM AND RESTRAINT.



## North Korea knows and unknowns

**N**o one really knows all that much about North Korea's nuclear or conventional military capability or its strategic agenda. Are its nuclear missiles reliably lethal, are they as long-ranged and accurate as hyped, and are they under secure command and control?

Conventional wisdom states that Seoul would be destroyed in minutes by at least 10,000 North Korean artillery and rocket batteries that are now aimed from right across the Demilitarized Zone. Such guns are said to be capable of firing 500,000 rounds within a few minutes.

As a result, South Korea and its allies are supposed to be veritable hostages, with no strategic choices in countering North Korea's newly enhanced nuclear threat.

But is Seoul really being held hostage, and would it be doomed if war broke out?

In fact, no one can be sure of the actual size, nature and readiness of the North Korea arsenal—or the degree to which it is coordinated and effectively aimed. Much less does anyone know how well North Korea's guns have been pre-targeted by American and South Korean planes, counter-batteries and missiles.

Seoul itself is a huge city of 10 million urban residents. Indeed, greater Seoul and its population of some 24 million are sprawled out over a vast area of more than 250 square miles. The idea that the North Korean military could destroy the world's third-most-populated metropolitan area in minutes with conventional weapons is unproven.

Take the example of Israel and its existential enemies. The Iranians now claim that their Hezbollah proxies in Lebanon have targeted 80,000 rockets at Tel Aviv. Israel's enemies brag that together they could bombard the tiny country with 200,000 rockets and missiles in a matter of minutes should Israel ever again go to war.

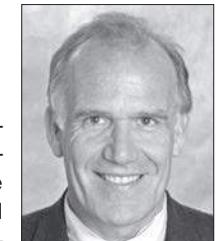
In the 2006 Lebanon war, Hezbollah and terrorist forces on the West Bank boasted that they had launched more than 8,000 rockets into Israeli cities. Israel claimed the number was closer to 4,000. The entire population of Israel in 2006 was then less than half of greater Seoul. Yet in total, some 40 to 50 Israelis lost their lives to rocket attacks in 2006. The rocket strategy of Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas did not deter Israeli military operations, nor did it much affect Israel's strategic options.

Seoul may well be vulnerable to conventional artillery or rocket strikes. But the usual assessments that the city would be destroyed in minutes by North Korea and therefore the South Korean government is now held hostage in its strategic choices are probably not true.

We are told that China has few choices in restraining North Korea's nuclear arsenal. But without Chinese money, trade and technology, North Korea would today have no nuclear-tipped

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missiles.

Beijing enjoys playing dumb from time to time as it unleashes North Korea to threaten the West and consume American time, money and military resources in Asia and the Pacific. In truth, China has as much leverage over North Korea as the United States would have over South Korea should it ever choose to set off missiles all over the South China Sea and brag about targeting nearby Chinese cities with nuclear weapons.

The American options for pressuring the Chinese and the North Koreans, short of war, are said to be few. Most likely, they are almost endless.

The United States could expel rich elites of the Chinese Communist Party and their children from U.S. soil and universities. It could ban Chinese citizens from buying U.S. property.

America could ratchet up trade sanctions against China, and embargo (or blockade) all commerce with North Korea.

The U.S. could declare solidarity with India in its border disputes with China, organize South Pacific and Asian countries to resist China's illegal building of bases in the Spratly Islands, and triangulate with Russia over mutual worries about Chinese expansionism.

Massive new regional missile-defense efforts might result in neither China nor North Korea maintaining a first-strike capability over its neighbors.

The last-ditch lever is allowing Japan, South Korea or perhaps even Taiwan to go nuclear. America's problems with North Korea would pale in comparison to China's dilemma of dealing with three democratic nuclear states nearby.

It is not set in stone that either South Korea or the United States must spend the rest of eternity targeted with nuclear missiles by an unhinged dynasty in North Korea. There are economic, military and diplomatic options other than all-out war that can dismantle North Korea's nuclear weapons—our strategic goal.

We are in the middle, not at the end, of a long North Korean crisis. But we need to ensure that worries over how the crisis escalates will be all Chinese and North Korean—and not our own.

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## The night crew

**A** random walk through the radio dial might have solved a mystery that has befuddled me for decades.

I first encountered this mystery when I was a flight student. I noticed that most of my improvement seemed to come between flights instead of kicking in during the duration of a flight.

Learning flight maneuvers is a demanding task. They involve the simultaneous application of brain work and physical coordination. If you want to unravel the world of how people learn stuff, this is a good place to start.

Anyway, when I became a flight instructor I noticed the same mysterious force at work with my students. During any given lesson I could run a student through the same maneuver a bunch of times, but they typically didn't show much improvement during this process. The improvement would show up, like magic, during the next lesson.

With this factor in mind, I redesigned the syllabus to keep flight lessons reasonably short. It was apparent that a long and dragged-out lesson wasn't going to yield much incremental advantage.

To the contrary, from what I saw, lessons that dragged on too long merely taxed the attention span of the students. This drawback didn't seem to have any counterbalancing advantages when it came to seeing progress during the next lesson.

In summary, then, the students would typically improve in what I'll call a stair-step fashion. The flat part (it wasn't really flat, but we'll just call it that for the sake of contrast) was the actual lesson, and the upwards progress accrued during the time between lessons.

Flying isn't the only environment where I've seen this factor

at work. In the deskbound side of life, I've broken a number of logjams in financial and economic calculations by just putting down the project for a few days.

The solution would seem to percolate up when I wasn't even thinking about the problem.

Or was I?

Ah, that is, indeed, the question.

And that's where the radio comes in. I was scanning the radio dial hoping to find some Merle Haggard. I wound up with NPR (National Public Radio).

I only caught a snippet of the NPR show and since I was driving I wasn't able to take notes. But I'm going to share what I heard. If I can find out more about it I'll let you know.

What I heard was an interview with an expert on how our brains operate when we sleep.

The gist was that during our wakeful hours the brain acquires information and during our sleeping hours the brain organizes that information.

In other words (mine, not the expert's), our brains don't just shut down when we're sleeping; they're just kicking things to the night crew. A sleeping brain isn't an idle brain. It's doing critical work. We're thinking even when we don't think we're thinking. But our thinking type of thinking and our non-thinking type of thinking have different jobs. We don't get to see the whole thing. We're just aware of part of it.

Anyway, passing the day's information over to the night crew for further administration seems like an elegant arrangement to me, since I regard raw information as pretty much useless, or even misleading, until it's organized, prioritized, and analyzed.

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Looking back at the flying example, we can consider a sequence of lessons to be a cycle that's based on two sub-cycles; one is short (the information conveyed during a lesson) and one is long (the digesting of each lesson's information). There are, of course, other factors involved, but the trick to optimizing things is to get the cycles to interact with each other constructively.

Flying is just one very dynamic example, but I think the same factors apply to anything that we're studying or teaching.

As for the sleep angle specifically, as a topic of discussion it seems to be part of a trend. I've noticed an increasing number of articles about the merits of sleep, or, more to the point, the drawbacks of a lack of it.

Anyway, now that my drive is done, my dinner has been eaten, and I still can't find my Merle Haggard tape, I'm going to open up a book on Chinese grammar.

That stuff always puts me to sleep. Hey, I guess that's a good thing.

## Healthcare cost increases

**T**he cost of healthcare has gone up between 20 and 50 percent, depending on medical services rendered at CHC. There's serious concern in the community of the impact of new fees on stagnant family pocketbooks.

In my conversations with former speaker Oscar Rasa, we agreed that the imposition of new fees is untimely and a bit too hard for hardworking families whose income have stayed the same for more than two decades. This while they had to face increases of basic commodities over the same period.

Imagine how this would hit the 14,000-plus employees still struggling with poverty income level and below. Some may be Medicaid and Medicare recipients and health insurance for others. But everybody must still pay additional in his or her share of 20 percent during registration.

Coincidentally, Biktot Hokog announced tidings of economic growth of some 28 percent. How much of this growth would find its way into salaries of the 14,000-plus employees earning measly poverty income and below? Would any of it be earmarked to subsidize healthcare cost at the most inopportune time? Would any of the elected elite return their recent 80-percent salary increase for hospital subsidy?

**CHC funding:** A certain law turns CHC into a semi-independent agency that includes self-financing. The latter didn't materialize. Thus, for all intent and purposes, funding must return to the normal budgetary process. Did this ever occur to our supposed men-of-vision on the hill?

The health of our people is uppermost over other agency appropriations! CHC needs to be equipped with medical specialists, new equipment, supplies and ancillary staff. These require more than \$5 million in breadcrumbs hurled at CHC annually.

The three essential departments are CHC, DOE, and DPS! The rest must contend with leftovers after the goodies are handed to these three areas. It's called priority!

**"We the people":** Rep. Ed Propst proposes an initiative to impose income tax on the casino joint here. It's the right paradigm! However, how much tax is imposed should be left to financial and economic experts.

A blind figure without critically reviewing their implications could be devastating and detrimental to the NMI. Conventional wisdom says tax the rich. But when you impose too much tax against large firms, four things happen almost instantly: 1). Its dividends or level of profit sinks, derailing operations. 2. Raise the cost of products and services, passing it to consumers. 3). Cut staff salaries to meet new tax imposition. 4). Fire additional employees to save up for new taxes.

As such, there's merit that the issue is walked through careful-

ly. This isn't one time to brave ignorance or non-expert advice. Even more importantly, policymakers must ensure they're not lulled into complacency that temperamental growth is our savior. Take a step back and conduct critical ocular review of the issue at hand. Sink in your heels!

Moreover, would gain in temperamental growth withstand competition from Japan when she opens her casino industry and shuts visitors to the islands completely? If the single-engine tourism industry here crashlands in bankruptcy, is there anything else that would sufficiently provide the funds needed for public services?

Perhaps it would have been better if, from the initial stage, two or more casino licenses were approved. It would have prohibited the monopoly in everything that we see today.

**Innovation:** A visionary himself, Rasa strongly suggested that the NMI take heed of a recommendation by University of Guam president Robert Underwood that we embrace knowledge-based innovation industry. It is the wave of the future in wealth and jobs creation in the global community, Underwood noted, recently addressing Rotarians on Guahan.

He also noted that Guahan has relied on tourism and the military for five decades and it's time to rein-in a third path or industry. It's about instituting meaningful wealth creation that benefits our people via knowledge.

Former speaker Rasa said the "digital age necessitates mending traditional economics and technology." However embryonic the concept may be, modern economies are increasingly based on knowledge and information.

"Knowledge is now recognized as the driver of productivity and economic growth, leading to a new focus on the role of information, technology and economic performance," according to a study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

A policy down this path should enable innovations that create wealth and jobs in meaningful and efficient ways for the islands beyond the fickle single-engine economy like tourism, Rasa noted. Indeed, the islands are too small for any midsize or heavy manufacturing and it makes sense that knowledge-based innovations are explored to the hilt. Even China has moved away from manufacturing.

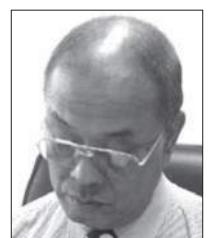
The NMI has to forge ahead so it understands "the dynamics of the knowledge-based economy and its relationship to traditional economics. Expanding knowledge and its transmission through communications and computer networks has led to the emerging 'information society.'"

The study further points out, "The need for workers to acquire

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a range of skills and to continuously adapt these skills underlies the *learning economy*. The importance of knowledge and technology diffusion requires better understanding of knowledge networks and national innovation systems.

"Most importantly, new issues and questions are being raised regarding the implications of the knowledge-based economy for employment and the role of governments in the development and maintenance of the knowledge base." The rich in Asia have begun moving away from traditional investments.

**Accolades:** In this connection, the Public School System and NMC deserve the accolades of our community for venturing into teaching our children the use of computers and digital technology. PSS starts them early in exemplary fashion. By the time they clear high school, most, if not all, would be computer literate.

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hold people arrested for other crimes who may be in the country illegally. Noncompliance could cost Philadelphia a \$1.67 million grant it received last year for police overtime and training. But the city has filed for an injunction that it hopes will prevent that.

Meanwhile, Trump has toned down his rhetoric about deporting Dreamers, suggesting, as he has done with health care, that perhaps a deal could be made. The bargain would include funding for the border wall he promised would be paid for by Mexico.

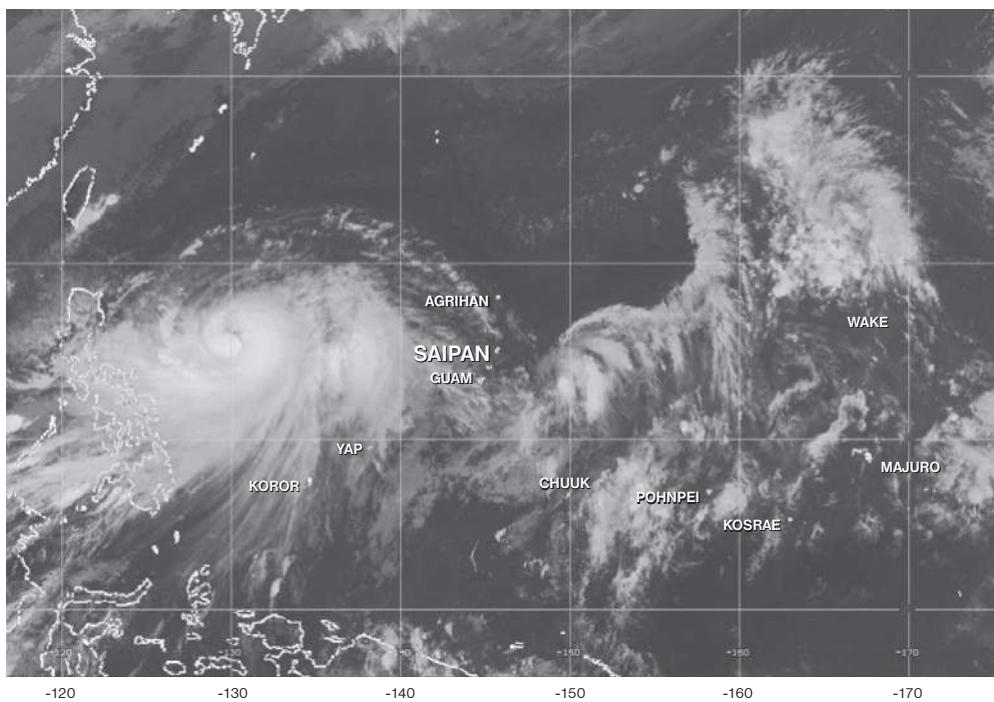
Deal-making isn't unusual in politics. The problem with Trump's approach is that he's always the primary beneficiary, politically or financially. The rest of America is left with the scraps. Wasn't he supposed to be the president who puts America first?

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.			
▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 5:46 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Radar shows a general decrease in showers across the Marianas, but satellite shows the circulation east of the islands, 93W, apparently sinking southward along longitude 147-148E. Combined seas have varied greatly at the buoys between 7 and 11 feet overnight, with Ritidian currently at 6.7 feet, down from 10.7 feet around 11 PM, while Tanapag spiked at 11 feet around 430 AM.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86°	/	78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84°	/	78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85°	/	78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86°	/	76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86°	/	76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86°	/	81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Cloudy	63°	/	55°
Beijing	Cloudy	64°	/	48°
Hong Kong	Sunny	84°	/	70°
Honolulu	Windy	85°	/	75°
London	Cloudy	59°	/	54°
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	76°	/	59°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88°	/	79°
Melbourne	Cloudy	61°	/	50°
Miami	Thunderstorms	84°	/	79°
New York	Sunny	74°	/	54°
Osaka	Cloudy	70°	/	63°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	63°	/	57°
Busan	Windy	70°	/	63°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	77°	/	54°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	80°	/	55°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	58°	/	48°
Seoul	Sunny	70°	/	46°
Tokyo	Showers	66°	/	61°
Washington, DC	Sunny	75°	/	53°



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
1:57 AM	LOW TIDE	0.14	
8:04 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.87	
2:10 PM	LOW TIDE	0.64	
7:42 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.91	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	
Today	6:09 AM	5:53 PM	
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:53 PM	
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM	
Monday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM	
Tuesday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM	

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:17 am	6:23 pm	-
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# Business

## Corporations to keep tax break lost by millions of Americans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Millions of Americans would lose a prized tax break under President Donald Trump's sweeping revamp of the tax code, but corporations would get to keep it.

The Republican proposal would eliminate the federal deduction for state and local taxes, a widely popular break used by some 44 million Americans, especially in high-tax, Democratic-leaning states like New York, New Jersey, California and Illinois. But corporations, which pay billions in local property levies and state income taxes, wouldn't be affected.

Republicans are determined to overhaul the nation's tax system by year's end, offering a plan that lowers the corporate tax rate from 36 percent to 20 percent and reduces the number of tax brackets. Trump and the GOP cast the plan as a

boon to the middle class.

Meeting at the White House on Wednesday with members of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, Trump said, "this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, in my opinion."

Democratic members of the committee remained united in opposition to the current plan, said Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the top Democrat. He said their message to the president was: "You fix it (the tax system) with real tax relief that helps the middle class. You don't give tax cuts to people like him (Trump)."

Toward the end of the meeting, Trump issued a thinly veiled threat to Democratic senators, according to Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio. Most of the Democratic members of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee who were invited are up for re-election next year in states Trump won in 2016.

### China's conflicted goals: Free markets, more party control

BEIJING (AP)—China's ruling Communist Party is expanding its role in business even as it promises freer markets and support for entrepreneurs on the eve of President Xi Jinping's second five-year term as leader.

Party officials are tightening their control over state-owned enterprises and want a voice in how some foreign companies are run. State companies that dominate energy and other fields are being made even bigger through mergers. Some are forming ties with private sector success stories such as tech giants Alibaba and Tencent to draw on their skills.

Beijing's conflicting goals are raising concerns that leaders might put off changes needed to reinvigorate a cooling economy that faces surging debt and trade tensions with Washington and Europe.

"There is no grand vision. There are parallel goals that are competing with each other," said Andrew Polk, an economist at Trivium/China, a research firm in Beijing. "We are not sure which ones are going to win out at a given moment."

No major policy changes are expected out of the twice-a-decade party congress that is due to re-appoint Xi as general secretary. The party also will name a Standing Committee, the country's ruling inner circle of power, in preparation for installing a new government in early 2018.

The impact of those choic-

Brown is among them.

Brown said Trump told them, "I couldn't imagine being a Democrat and running in 2018 having voted against" the GOP tax legislation.

The plan is still evolving with lawmakers filling in the blanks, but the proposed repeal of the state and local deduction has divided Republicans.

Ending the deduction would affect individuals and companies unevenly.

If Amazon, now being frantically courted by dozens of cities, decided to locate its new second headquarters in Westchester County north of New York City, an affluent suburban area in one of the highest-tax states, the tech commerce behemoth still would be able to claim state and local taxes as a regular business expense, on par with items like buying machine parts.

But the company's employ-

ees living in the area wouldn't be so lucky: They'd take a financial hit from losing the ability to deduct their state and local taxes from their federal income calculations.

Trump and his Republican partners in the nearly \$6 trillion tax overhaul plan push back against the idea that it would benefit mainly wealthy people and corporations. And they say the rest of the country shouldn't have to subsidize

wealthier states like California and New York whose residents use the state and local tax deduction in large numbers. Defenders of the state-local deduction, including several GOP House members, say repealing it would hurt low- to mid-income taxpayers, subject them to being taxed twice and enable a federal revenue grab on the backs of homeowners who pay property taxes.



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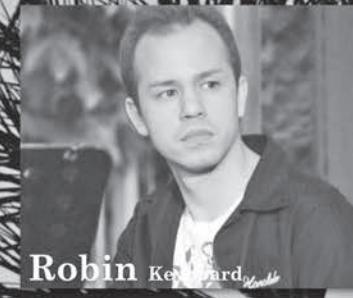
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# Asia

## Four dead as fighting continues in Marawi

**MARAWI, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine troops killed four Islamic State group-linked militants in a clash and occasional blasts thundered across Marawi on Wednesday after the president declared the southern city liberated from “terrorist influence.”

President Rodrigo Duterte visited the battle-scarred Islamic city on Tuesday and announced its liberation, sparking hopes that hundreds of thousands of residents could finally return home after being displaced for nearly five months by a bloody siege.

But as life and some traffic resumed in Marawi’s outskirts, the sounds of fighting rattled some who returned.

“We still hear explosions,” Sohayla Pacalna, a souvenir shop owner, told The Associated Press. “But we don’t know what they are.”

**MARAWI, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine military says a top Malaysian militant is believed to be among 13 Islamic State group-linked fighters killed overnight in clashes in the southern city of Marawi.

**Maj. Gen. Restituto Padilla** said Thursday that officials were awaiting the recovery of the body to get full confirmation.

**Padilla** said six soldiers were slightly wounded and two civilian hostages—a mother and her teenage

**daughter—were rescued Thursday morning.**

**Military progress in retaking the battle-scarred city has sparked hopes that hundreds of thousands of displaced residents could return home nearly five months after the militants began their siege. On Monday, defense officials said two of the last leaders of the siege—most-wanted terror suspect Isnilon Hapilon and Omarkhayam Maute—were killed in a gunbattle.**

After Duterte’s speech, troops pressed an offensive late Tuesday against 20 to 30 gunmen holding several hostages in buildings near the city’s Lanao Lake and killed four militants, Col. Romeo Brawner said, adding that 10 soldiers were wounded.

He said 854 militants have now been killed in the fighting, which broke out on May 23, along with 163 soldiers and policemen and 47 civilians.

Occasional bursts of gunfire and explosions sent clouds of smoke rising from the one-hectare (2.5-acre) area where soldiers said the remaining militants were hiding. The hilly community of narrow streets is now a gray wasteland of disfigured buildings and ruined houses.

Troops used megaphones to urge the remaining militants to give up.

“The only way to get out

alive is to surrender,” military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano said.

Marawi, a mosque-studded center of Islamic faith in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines, has been devastated by the siege by the militants, who waved IS-style black flags and hung them on buildings they occupied in Marawi’s business district and outlying areas, according to the military.

The insurrection prompted the military to launch a ground offensive and airstrikes, with the United States and Australia later backing the troops by deploying surveillance aircraft. Duterte declared martial law across the south, the homeland of minority Filipinos and the scene of decades-old Muslim separatist rebellions, to deal with the uprising and prevent other insurgents from waging attacks elsewhere and reinforcing the fighters in Marawi.

The surprise occupation of the city and the involvement of foreign fighters set off alarms in Southeast Asia and the West. Analysts said parts of the southern Philippines were at risk of becoming a new base for IS as it lost territory to international forces in Iraq and Syria.

Defense officials announced Monday that two of the last leaders of the siege—Isnilon Hapilon, who is one of the FBI’s most-wanted terror suspects, and Omarkhayam Maute—were killed in a gunbattle.

“The only way to get out

### Fire rips through luxury Myanmar hotel, 1 body recovered

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—A fire gutted a luxury teakwood hotel popular with foreigners in Myanmar’s biggest city of Yangon on Thursday morning, causing one death. A body bag was carried out of the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel on Thursday morning and firefighters said the victim was male. It was unclear if others were killed or injured. Photos and video posted online show the spectacular blaze racing through the traditional Burmese-style building early Thursday morning. Smoke was still rising from the remains of the lakeside hotel hours after daybreak, and dozens of firefighters were at the site. Firefighter Kyaw Kyaw said the blaze started about 3 a.m. and may have been set off by an electrical fault. Exploding gas cylinders hastened its spread, he said.

### Pakistan arrests cleric over involvement in murder of model

**MULTAN, Pakistan** (AP)—Pakistani police say they have arrested a Muslim cleric for alleged involvement in the 2016 murder of social media model Qandeel Baloch. She was found strangled in her home in the city of Multan after posting racy pictures on Facebook of herself with the cleric, Mufti Abdul Qawi. Baloch’s brother, Mohammed Wasim Azeem, has confessed to her murder. His trial is underway in a Multan court. Nearly 1,000 Pakistani women are killed by close relatives each year in so-called “honor killings,” for violating conservative norms on love and marriage. senior police officer, Mohammad Fahad, says the cleric was arrested as he tried to flee Multan. Some of his phone calls were traced to another brother of Baloch around the time of her killing.

# Nation

## Under fire, Trump defends call to one soldier’s grieving family

**MIAMI** (AP)—President Donald Trump emphatically rejected claims Wednesday that he was disrespectful to the grieving family of a slain soldier, as the firestorm he ignited over his assertions of empathy for American service members spread into a third contentious day. “I have proof,” he insisted.

The controversy over how Trump has conducted one of the most sacred of presidential tasks generated new turmoil in the White House. After one slain soldier’s father accused the president of going back on a promise to send a check for \$25,000, the White House said the money had been sent.

Chief of staff John Kelly, a retired Marine general whose son was killed in Afghanistan, was left angry and frustrated at the way the issue has become politicized. The dispute was fresh evidence of Trump’s willingness to attack any critic and do battle over the most sensitive of matters—and critics’ readiness to find fault with his words.

The aunt of an Army sergeant killed in Niger, who raised the soldier as her son, said Wednesday that Trump had shown “disrespect” to the soldier’s loved ones as he telephoned them to extend condolences as they drove to the Miami airport to receive



AP  
In this Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, frame from video, Myeshia Johnson cries over the casket of her husband, Sgt. La David Johnson, who was killed in an ambush in Niger, upon his body's arrival in Miami.

his body. Sgt. La David Johnson was one of four American soldiers killed nearly two weeks ago; Trump called the families on Tuesday.

Rep. Frederica Wilson, a Florida Democrat who was in the car with Johnson’s family, said in an interview that Trump had told the widow that “you know that this could happen when you signed up for it ... but it still hurts.” He also referred to Johnson as “your guy,” Wilson said, which the congresswoman found insensitive.

Cowanda Jones-Johnson, who raised the soldier from age 5 after his mother died, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the Democratic congresswoman’s account was correct.

“Yes the statement is true,”

### Wildfires worsen housing crunch in famously costly Bay Area

**SANTA ROSA, Calif.** (AP)—Even before fire wiped out the home she rented for 17 years, Suzanne Finzell had thought about leaving this city on the edge of the San Francisco Bay Area because of rising prices. A spike in housing and other living costs had driven her friends to Nevada and Oregon.

Now, Finzell wonders if that will be her fate too, as the wildfires that charred California wine country send thousands of people who lost their homes scrambling for new places to live in one of the nation’s tightest and most expensive housing markets.

Before the fires, the rental vacancy rate was a mere 1 percent in Santa Rosa and 3 percent in surrounding Sonoma County. Then the city lost an estimated 5 percent of its housing stock to the flames.

“We had a housing crisis

she said. “I was in the car and I heard the full conversation.

At the airport, widow Myeshia Johnson leaned in grief across the flag-draped coffin after a military guard received it.

“She was crying for the whole time,” Wilson said. “And the worst part of it: When he hung up you know what she turned to me and said? She said he didn’t even remember his name.”

Trump started the storm this week when he claimed that he alone of U.S. presidents had called the families of all slain soldiers.

AP found relatives of four soldiers who died overseas during Trump’s presidency who said they never received calls from him. Relatives of three also said they did not get letters.

housing prices skyrocket in recent years amid a technology industry boom. In San Francisco, an average one-bedroom apartment rents for more than \$3,000 a month, and the median home price is about \$1.5 million.

Cities such as Santa Rosa, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, have offered more affordable housing for people willing to endure a longer commute. But that may not be the case anymore.

The 62-year-old Finzell, who has lived in Santa Rosa since she was 3, said the housing situation means her generation “heads into retirement with no chance of living in the places we grew up.”

Housing for displaced families is “going to be a really big challenge,” said Ana Lugo, president of the North Bay Organizing Project, an organization that advocates for affordable housing in Sonoma County.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Explosion at firecracker factory in India kills 8 workers

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—An explosion at an unlicensed firecracker factory killed eight workers and injured 20 other people in eastern India as Hindus celebrated their most popular Diwali festival, police said Thursday. A police officer said rescuers cleared debris of the collapsed building in a town in Balasore district in Orissa state on Thursday morning. Seven injured people have been hospitalized while the others were treated and sent home. The area is nearly 195 kilometers (130 miles) south of Bhubaneswar, the state capital. Balasore district administrator Pramod Kumar Das said a huge explosion took place on Wednesday as firecrackers were being made in a house used as a factory without a legal license, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

# World

## US-backed Syrian forces clear Raqqa after driving out IS

**BEIRUT** (AP)—U.S.-backed Syrian forces were removing land mines and clearing roads in the northern city of Raqqa on Wednesday, a day after commanders said they had driven the Islamic State group from its de facto capital.

Mustafa Bali, spokesman for the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, said preparations were underway for a formal declaration of the city's liberation.

The SDF said Tuesday that military operations in Raqqa have ended and that their troops have taken full control of the city. The U.S.-led coalition cautioned that the clearing operations would continue, saying some 100 militants may still be hiding in the city.

On Wednesday, the spokesman for the coalition, Col. Ryan Dillon, tweeted that 95 percent of the city is now under full control as clearing operations continue.

The coalition stressed that the SDF has been successful in holding onto captured territory because of its thorough clearing procedures, which prevent counterattacks.

Brett McGurk, the top U.S.

### Recovery, reconstruction go slowly after Mexico earthquake

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Wearing a hardhat, Rodrigo Diaz Mejia steps onto the hood of a crushed car and then gingerly into an apartment cracked open by the Sept. 19 earthquake. Inside he spots a photo of two young boys hanging on a wall spiderwebbed with deep cracks. He puts it under his arm to carry it out for the family.

For weeks, the mechanic by trade has been climbing through broken walls and over buckled floors in the increasingly unstable buildings of the Tokio 517 apartment complex in central Mexico City to emerge with prized photos, clothes and documents for grateful residents. But now, he says, rains and further shifts mean he may have to stop taking the risk.

The buildings "have settled a bit more and the walls have opened a bit more. Things have fallen. They are starting to want to collapse at any moment," he said of the complex of three apartment buildings in the Portales Norte neighborhood, two of which collapsed.

Thousands of Mexico City residents have been unable to return to their collapsed or severely damaged buildings one month after a magnitude 7.1 earthquake killed 228 people

envoy for the coalition, said he was in northern Syria to prepare for the defeat of the militants. He said the United States will help in clearing explosives as well as restoring services in the city.

McGurk posted a photograph Wednesday of surrendering IS militants, saying: "Once purported as fierce, now pathetic and a lost cause." He said IS lost nearly 6,000 militants in Raqqa before surrendering in large numbers.

The White House said the imminent liberation of the Islamic State stronghold of Raqqa will open a new phase in the Syrian conflict. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders blamed the Syrian government for hindering previous efforts to free Raqqa.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the latest developments in Syria "point once again to the urgent need to reinvigorate the political process," according to U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric. He said Guterres had directed the U.N. special envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, to intensify efforts to reconvene the next round of peace talks

in the capital and many say they have not yet received promised financial assistance.

Hundreds of buildings were evacuated after the quake and efforts to tear down the ones too damaged to be repaired are only just beginning. Crews will strip buildings of anything that could be a hazard and begin the slow process of low-tech demolition in an urban setting.

People forced out of those structures, meanwhile, are staying with relatives, at hotels or even in tents on the street. The government has said it will offer low-interest loans for people to repair homes or seek new lodgings, but that seemingly will be a slow process.

Maria Luisa Campuzano Fernandez has been staying in a hotel since the earthquake damaged the Mexico City apartment building where she had lived for 15 years.

Inspectors have told her the building is structurally sound but its walls badly damaged. The culprit was a neighboring building, badly damaged in the 1985 earthquake, that banged violently against her own.

She has notes about the assistance the government said will be available scribbled on a pad but she has not received any of that aid.

between the government and opposition.

Aid and charity organizations have warned of the high cost borne by civilians.

In the neighboring Deir el-Zour province, where the SDF and Russian-backed Syrian troops are waging separate offensives against the militants, nearly half a million civilians remain trapped by the fighting, the International Rescue

Committee said late Tuesday.

The U.N. refugee agency said that in the last few days, around 40,000 Raqqa residents arrived in already overcrowded displacement camps in the province, warning of the danger of land mines and unexploded ordnance.

The fall of Raqqa marks a major defeat for the extremist group, which has seen its self-styled Islamic caliphate

steadily shrink since summer. IS took over Raqqa, located on the Euphrates River, in 2014 and transformed it into the epicenter of its brutal rule.

The group still holds territory to the south of Raqqa and in Deir el-Zour, as well as smaller pockets elsewhere in Syria and Iraq.

On Wednesday, fierce clashes were reported between the SDF and IS militants in the

group's last strip of land in Hassakeh province, to the east of Raqqa. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported intense clashes between forces allied with the Syrian government and IS militants.

A media outlet affiliated with the Syrian military said a senior commander who led the fight against IS in Deir el-Zour was killed Wednesday in operations against the group.

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**AMENDED  
INVITATION FOR BID  
PROJECT NO.: CPA-IFB-001-18**

**SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2017 TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

**PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) UNIT 2017 PICK-UP  
TRUCK/4DOOR6CYL/4WD, AUTO TRANSMISSION, A/C, POWER  
WINDOWS/DOORSWHITE COLOR, ALL OTHER FEATURES AS PER  
FACTORY SPECS. LOCKABLE FITTED BED TOOL BOX TO BE INCLUDED.**

**THE UNIT IS FOR THE TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

**BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE ORIGINAL BID AND 2 COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED: "PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-18". BIDDERS SHALL GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF THE VEHICLE TO CPA TINIAN WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM AWARD OF THIS BID. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BID SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SEND VIA EMAIL TO atudela@cpa.gov.mp prior to October 20, 2017.**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIA SECTION §40-50-1020 AND §40-50-1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

**THE CPA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CPA.**

**CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-18**  
**SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2017 TIME: 2:00 p.m.**  
**"LEASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECHO DOCK"  
PORT OF SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 29, 2017.**

**PROPOSERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND THREE (3) COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED: CONFIDENTIAL "LEASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECHO DOCK (RFP-001-18)". PROPOSERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS PROPOSAL. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE CPA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR OF THE ARRIVAL TERMINAL BY OCTOBER 31, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIA SECTION §40-50-1020 AND 1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

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**/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
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**DATE: 9/27/17**

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS  
FOR  
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES  
FOR THE  
BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
TERMINAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-003-17**

**The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for the project including onsite assessment, survey, possible exploratory investigation and preparation of design plans and specifications to improve or replace the drainage system at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.**

**The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.**

**The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.**

**Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to cpa.enqr@pticom.com and wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, October 13, 2017, 4:30 p.m., local time.**

**At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (30 points);
2. A/E design experience related to airport projects – (30 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly, on time and within proposed schedule – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points);

**Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.**

**Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.**

**An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.**

**All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.**

**The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.**

**For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:**

**/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Executive Director

**Date: September 26, 2017**

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**COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

**NOTICE  
MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

**Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 9:30AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.**

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of October 4th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW**

- A. Project: ISA VILLAS MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
**CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2017-X-111**
  - a) Project Presentation
  - b) Discussion & Review of Project
  - c) CRM Permit Application Status Determination, Certification of Completeness
- B. Project: TINIAN FERRY TERMINAL BUILDING  
**CRM Permit Application No. TMS-2017-X-067**
  - a) Final Discussions, Comments, and/or Questions
  - b) CRM Permit Application Status, Final Determination

**III. OTHER MATTERS**

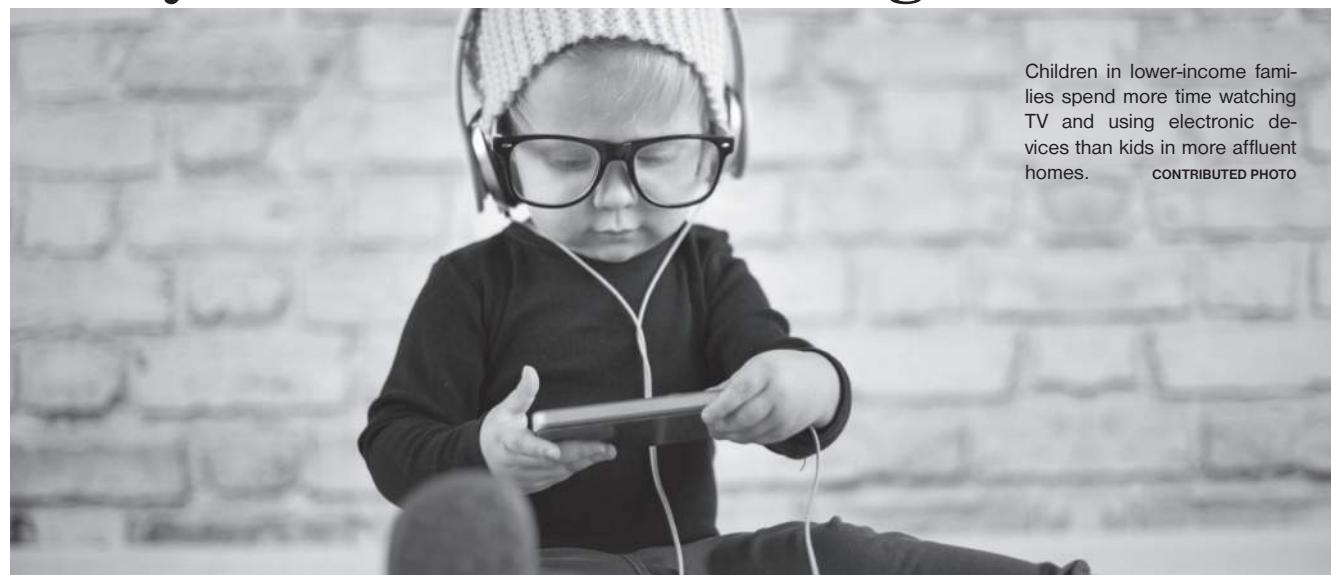
**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).**

**/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO**  
Acting Director, DCRM

# Science & Technology

## Study: Lower-income kids give more time to TV, digital media



Children in lower-income families spend more time watching TV and using electronic devices than kids in more affluent homes. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Children in lower-income families spend more time watching TV and using electronic devices than kids in more affluent homes, according to a survey released Thursday.

The report by the nonprofit group Common Sense Media on the viewing habits of more than 1,400 children nationwide age 8 and under found that less-affluent youngsters spend nearly three-and-a-half hours daily watching TV and using varied devices including smartphones, tablets, laptops and video game players.

By comparison, kids in

### Shell opens its first electric vehicle charging points

**LONDON (AP)**—Shell opened its first electric vehicle recharging points at three gas stations in Britain on Wednesday, part of the oil giant's efforts to respond to a global push toward zero-emission vehicles.

Three charging stations are in London, Surrey and Derby, with seven more expected by the end of the year. It comes only days after Shell agreed to buy electric vehicle charging firm NewMotion.

"We recognize that the electric vehicle market is growing in the U.K. It's growing very fast," said Jane Lindsay-Green, future fuels manager of Shell U.K., adding that statistics show an increase in electric vehicle registrations. "We recognize that electric vehicles are part of the future of transport in the country and we want to make sure that we offer our customers choice and that they have the option to recharge on one of our forecourts if they want to."

The CEO for Royal Dutch, Ben van Beurden has said the company is planning for the day when demand for oil starts fading as major economies move away from oil and increasingly turn to electric-powered cars.

higher-income homes spend just under two hours on such activities. The offspring of better-educated parents also spend less time with media (1 hour, 37 minutes) compared with children of those with less education (2 hours, 50 minutes).

"Before we can begin to understand the impact of media and technology on kids and families, we have to better understand their attitudes and behaviors," James P. Steyer, the nonprofit group's CEO and founder, and Reveta Franklin Bowers, chair of its board, said in a preface to the report.

The survey found that La-

tino parents expressed the most concern about what their children are exposed to in media, including sex, violence and racial and gender stereotypes. African-American parents voiced somewhat less concern, with white parents expressing the least worry among ethnic groups.

But a majority of parents overall said their children's use of digital media helps boost learning and creativity.

The time youngsters spend reading or being read to has remained steady at 30 minutes daily, compared with previous studies in 2011 and 2013. But

fewer than half (43 percent) of children under 2 are read to each day, counter to the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that reading to kids should begin at infancy to help develop language and literacy skills.

Nearly half (49 percent) of children are watching TV or using electronic media shortly before bedtime, contrary to the academy's recommendation of an hour gap between such activities and sleep. According to its conclusion, the survey "should not be read as a judgment on the quality of children's time with me-

dia; rather, it is a snapshot of how media and technology are infused into daily life. Additional experimental and

qualitative work is essential to better understanding the full implications of children's media use."

## What to do if a tablet PC starts losing data

### TECH Q&A

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
*Star Tribune (Minneapolis)*



**Q: My Microsoft Surface Pro 4 tablet computer is behaving strangely. The problems began after I installed a larger SSD (solid state drive) that had 64 gigabytes more capacity. I configured that extra memory as a "D drive," and used it to store eBooks (digital books), pictures and music.**

**A:** Now, whenever the Surface Pro is turned off and restarted, or goes into sleep mode and is reawakened, any new eBooks I've downloaded have disappeared and any old eBooks I've deleted have reappeared. I've tried cleaning out old stored files, running computer optimization software and redoing the system settings, but nothing works. What's wrong?

**Q:** It sounds like your SSD is failing. I suggest that you back up all of your files to an external storage device, either a flash drive or hard drive, then replace the SSD chip.

SSD failures are sometimes hard to diagnose. Because they are computer chips with no moving parts, SSDs don't suffer the often noisy mechanical failures that beset hard disk drives, which use rapidly spinning disks. But SSDs can suffer from internal memory flaws, or from a loss of basic functionality, that shows up in odd ways.

One thing SSDs have in common with hard drives is that they may contain flawed areas that don't properly record data. On a hard drive these are called "bad sectors," and on an SSD they are called "bad blocks." These bad blocks can reveal themselves in different ways.

If your Surface Pro tried to save data in a bad block and failed to do so, you would get an error message. But if the tablet succeeded in saving data to a bad block, there might be no error message. Instead, when you restarted or reawakened the tablet, you would discover that it couldn't find the data you had most recently stored. Why? Because the SSD would refuse to read the bad block.

This latter type of failure might explain why your newly downloaded eBooks disappeared. But it doesn't explain why your previously deleted eBooks keep reappearing.

For the latter to happen, your SSD would have to suffer a different type of failure in which it loses the ability to store or delete data, and thus becomes a read-only storage device. That would mean your newly downloaded eBooks weren't stored (and thus seemed to "disappear") and your old eBook files weren't deleted (and thus seemed to "reappear.") To learn more about SSD failures and SSD diagnostic programs, see [tinyurl.com/gogdk4w](http://tinyurl.com/gogdk4w).



**Q: My PDA (personal digital assistant), a PalmOne Tungsten E2 introduced in 2005, has problems backing up its data to my PC. I know that Palm Inc. was sold to Hewlett-Packard in 2010, and that HP discontinued the Palm PDAs in 2011. Given that, is there anything I can do?**

**A:** Your Palm PDA is new enough to communicate with a modern PC if you download a new PC software driver. The driver, a small computer program, acts as a bridge between Windows and the "Palm Garnet" operating system your PDA uses. Go to [tinyurl.com/y7dy5du](http://tinyurl.com/y7dy5du), scroll down to "drivers" and choose the one for either a 32-bit or 64-bit Windows PC. If you don't know which one you need, go to your PC's Control Panel and click the "system" icon.

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**Science Matters**

### Lifeboats for world's endangered plants

*The world's botanic gardens contain at least 30% of all known plant species, including 41% of all those considered "threatened."*

**Currently known plant species:** 350,699

**About 20% are now under threat**

**Fairchild Botanic Garden, Florida**

**Hydrostachys polymorpha** can only be grown in fast flowing water

**Walter Sisulu Garden, South Africa**

**Polystyles thurberi**, a tiny parasitic desert flower

**Singapore Gardens by the Bay**

**Source:** Samuel Brockington of University of Cambridge; Botanic Gardens Conservation International; Nature Plants Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Some flowers create blue halo to say hello to foraging bees

NEW YORK (AP)—Some flowers have found a nifty way to get the blues. They create a blue halo, apparently to attract the bees they need for pollination, scientists reported Wednesday. Bees are drawn to the color blue, but it's hard for flowers to make that color in their petals. Instead, some flowers use a trick of physics. They produce a blue halo when sunlight strikes a series of tiny ridges in their thin waxy surfaces. The ridges alter how the light bounces back, which affects the color that one sees. The halos appear over pigmented areas of a flower, and people can see them over darkly colored areas if they look from certain angles.

### Police round up unusual suspect: young bull on soccer field

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City police have rounded up an unusual suspect—a young bull on a soccer field. Police say the Brooklyn bovine was spotted at Prospect Park late Tuesday morning. The bull was herded into a police horse trailer about two hours later and headed toward rescuers on Long Island. WABC news helicopter video showed the bull wandering around the field, staring back at people lined up along a fence and occasionally breaking into a jog. It's unclear where the bull came from. Previous urban livestock roundups have involved animals that escaped from slaughterhouses.

### Sweet Surrender: Detroit-area man arrested with doughnuts

REDFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—A 21-year-old man wanted for probation violations surrendered at a suburban Detroit police station—with a dozen doughnuts for officers. The sweet gesture didn't help Michael Zaydel. He still was sentenced to 39 days in jail Tuesday, a day after walking into the Redford Township police department. Sgt. Duane Gregg says Zaydel had promised to turn himself in if a post on the department's Facebook page was shared 1,000 times. The threshold was easily met. Gregg says Zaydel was arrested when he appeared Monday with a bag of doughnuts and a bagel. He told TV station WXYZ that "cops like doughnuts," and he wanted to reward them for any inconvenience. Gregg got the bagel. Did other officers eat the doughnuts? The sergeant says: "No comment."

### Baltimore workers remove "fatberg" of grease from sewer pipe

BALTIMORE (AP)—A "fatberg" that may have taken beyond half a century to grow below Baltimore has been removed. News outlets report the city's Public Works department used a camera, pressure washer and truck-mounted industrial vacuum to clear the mass of curdled grease, wet wipes and other waste. Workers resorted to the strategy Monday after they'd begun scraping pieces off last month. The notorious glob was found clogging up to 85 percent of a 24-inch (61-centimeter) pipe near Penn Station. It's blamed for causing more than 1 million gallons (3 million liters) of sewage to overflow into the Jones Fall stream. It's the culmination of objects caked along a pipe's walls that shouldn't go down drains. Pat Boyle with Public Works says, "We can't treat our toilets like our trash cans."

### Newlyweds' pot-bellied pig gets second reprieve from borough

LEECHBURG, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania borough has granted a second reprieve to a newly married couple fighting for the right to keep their pet pot-bellied pig. Leechburg Council last month voted to delay a decision on Finley, the pig owned by Destiny and Cody Griffith. Council again on Tuesday night voted 7-0 to suspend enforcement of an ordinance prohibiting swine and other livestock in the borough, about 30 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. Councilman Christian Vaccaro hopes to have an amendment to the ordinance for council to consider in December or January. The couple moved to Leechburg about three weeks before the dispute was first aired last month, and delayed their Niagara Falls honeymoon to present their case to council. They contend they called borough officials and were told the pet pig was acceptable before moving to Leechburg.

### Sheriff's cadet uses dad's patrol car to pull over his ex

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Officials say the 22-year-old son of a Florida sheriff's lieutenant took his father's unmarked car and used it to pull over his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend. Local news outlets report that Christopher Combs—who is a cadet in the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office where his father also works—used flashing red and blue lights to stop the vehicle Saturday night. He ordered the boyfriend to get out of the vehicle. Investiga-

tors later found the father's car parked outside the home of his son's friend. Sheriff's spokeswoman Teri Barbera told the SunSentinel the "son has been fired, effective right now!"

### Newspaper lands easy scoop: Corvette crashes into its office

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J. (AP)—A Corvette crashed into the newsroom of the Press of Atlantic City newspaper in Pleasantville. The newspaper reports the car's driver fell asleep Tuesday before driving through an intersection, jumping a curb, traveling about 75 feet (23 meters) and then slamming into the newspaper's office. No one in the office

was hurt. The crash shattered two first-floor windows and knocked over several filing cabinets. The female driver and a male passenger are being questioned by police.

### Attorney: Convicted tax schemer is too fat for prison

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—The attorney for a 72-year-old Florida man who was convicted in a tax scheme is using obesity to try to keep his client out of prison. Curtis Fallgatter wrote in a court filing on Monday that Stephen Donaldson Sr. doesn't have an average man's life expectancy because he's 5-foot-9 and weighs 273 pounds (124 kilo-

grams). For that reason, the attorney wrote, it's not right to make him serve 6 years and four months in prison. Fallgatter wrote that the prison term could translate to 61 percent of Donaldson's remaining time on earth. The Tampa Bay Times reports Donaldson was sentenced last week in Tampa for his part of peddling an offshore tax shelter that cost the IRS an estimated \$10 million.

### Curiosity does in bear cubs after escape from wildlife park

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP)—Two bear cubs that escaped from a South Dakota wildlife park didn't get far, due in part to their curiosity. The Rapid

City Journal reports that a man spotted the cubs lollygagging in his neighbor's yard about a block away from the Bear Country USA park on Sunday evening. Pennington County Sheriff's Deputy Kylie Kintigh says that when she arrived at the scene, the bears seemed more interested in following her around than making a getaway. They checked out her squad car and one even tried climbing on the hood. Park workers eventually arrived and gently sedated the cubs for their return to the park. It's unclear how or when they escaped. Kintigh says "It definitely was the best call I have had—and that might stand true to the end of my career."

## SAFELY HOME IN GOD'S CARE

# †Carmen Deleon Guennero Bonja

Lovingly Known As Carmen-Olympio/Ming

Born on April 16, 1933 was called to her eternal home and into God's loving care on October 14, 2017 at the age of 84.

*In her new life, she now joins her*

**Husband:** †Olympio Tudela Bonja  
**Daughters:** †Victoria B. Concepcion,  
 †Angie DLG Bonja  
**Grandson:** †Shane Barett B. Concepcion  
**Parents:** †Francisco Muna  
 & †Rita Arriola Deleon Guerrero  
**Parents-In-Law:** †Vicente Diaz,  
 †Victoria Tudela Bonja &  
 †Angelina F. Bonja

*She will forever be remembered  
 in the hearts of her:*

**Children:** †Victoria Bonja/James Concepcion: (†Shane Barrett, Brandon Noel/Jacoba C. Concepcion [Victoriana Pas, Olympio James]);  
**Alexander DLG**/Dinah C. Bonja: (Angela May/Daniel Ruiz [Jordan], Alison Louise, Alex Olympio, Alyssa/Lawrence Yi);  
**Frances DLG Bonja:**  
**Rita Bonja**/†Jesus Dela Cruz: (Jesse/Gina [Jenna], Anthony/Redie [Anthony II, Carlo, Chase, Ava], Kaye Therese/Andre Tenorio [Logan Jesus], Jessy Kaley);  
**Raymond DLG**/Nora V. Bonja: (Ryann Nicole/John Buie III [Nicole Victoria], Carmen Suzanne, Rachel Nadine);

**Sisters, Brother, & In-Law:**

†Merced DLG & †Ignacio C. Aldan, **Maria DLG** & †Jose C. Tomokane, Rita DLG & †Jesus S. Sablan, †Francisco A. Deleon Guerrero

**Brothers, Sisters In-Law:**

†Ricardo T. & †Antonia, Trinidad Camacho Bonja, †Daniel T. & †Joaquina S. Bonja, †Victorino T. & †Trinidad A. Bonja, †Pedro T. & Miriam H. Bonja, †Consolacion T. & Joel Bernardo, **Ignacia F.** & Ceaser Villaluz, **Manuel F.** Bonja, **Candilaria B.** & Dan Klein, **Joaquin F.** Bonja, **Francisco F.** & †Margarita C. Bonja, **Estefania C.** & Francisco Chong, †Teresita C. & †Jesus B. Dela Cruz, **Edward F.** & Doreen Camacho

*She will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and friends.*

Daily mass of intention is offered at 6:00 am at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Recitation of the holy rosary is prayed daily at 6:00 pm at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Please join us in sharing final moments with our Mom, on **Monday, October 23, 2017 from 8:00 am** at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at **10:30 am** followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

*Thank You — Si Yu'us Ma'ase*

**The Children**

Alexander, Frances, Rita, Raymond & Family

# Life & Style

**LONDON** (AP)—Harry Potter fans owe a debt of gratitude to Alice Newton.

Alice was 8 years old when her father, a Bloomsbury Publishing executive, brought home a new manuscript for her to read.

“The excitement in this book made me feel warm inside,” she scrawled in a note to her dad. “I think it is probably one of the best books an 8/9 year old could read.”

Based on this glowing review, Bloomsbury published “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone,” launching a literary juggernaut that brought magic to a generation of children.

Alice’s penciled note is part of the British Library’s new exhibition, “Harry Potter: A History of Magic.” The show, which coincides with the 20th anniversary of the publication of J.K. Rowling’s first book, is an unabashed celebration of the stories and their antecedents.

“There are some rich historical traditions behind the magic in the Harry Potter stories, which J.K. Rowling was aware of,” said Alexander Lock, one of the exhibit curators, who added that he was impressed with Rowling’s ability to layer information and offer depth. “They go into the stories and make them so rich.”

The exhibit, which opens Friday, includes Rowling’s outline for the book, her per-

## Harry Potter exhibit marks 20th anniversary of first book

A member of British Library staff poses with a crystal ball for a picture at the “Harry Potter - A History of Magic” exhibition at the British Library, in London, Wednesday Oct. 18, 2017. AP

sonal drawings of characters and a map of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

It also looks at magic and the nature of belief, revealing that many of the things Harry Potter fans thought were imaginary were actually based in fact—or folklore. It includes rare books and manuscripts from around the world, together with cauldrons, broom-

sticks, crystal balls and potion manuals that offer insight into Rowling’s inspiration and how the books came to be.

“I’ve taken liberties with folklore,” Rowling says in a video that opens the show.

The show is divided into rooms based on the subjects studied at Hogwarts, the setting for Rowling’s novels following the adventures of

Harry, the orphan who learns at age 11 that he is a wizard. Sections include Potions, Herbology, Divination, Care of Magical Creatures and Defense Against the Dark Arts.

Each section touches on the legends and beliefs that Rowling wove into her stories, with historical objects illustrating the scholarship behind the narrative.

The potions section, for example, features a Bronze Age/Iron Age Battersea Cauldron on loan from the British Museum. It sits beneath cauldron light fixtures that flicker in the subdued light and offer the viewer a chance to get into the Halloween-like aura of it all.

There is also a discussion of alchemy, the medieval forerunner of chemistry, and features the Ripley Scroll, a six-meter (yard) long manuscript from

## Family of late ‘Crocodile Hunter’ back at Animal Planet

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Crikey! The Irwin family is returning to television’s Animal Planet, 11 years after the death of “The Crocodile Hunter” star and family patriarch Steve Irwin.

The network said Wednesday that Irwin’s widow, Terri, and children Bindi and Robert will reappear on Animal Planet starting next year. The family has carried on Steve’s conservation work in Australia, running a zoo, a wildlife preserve and supporting projects that try to save endangered animals worldwide.

“It seemed like a really good time, since we do so many things together as a family,” said Terri Irwin, in an interview from Australia.

It’s still not clear what form their Animal Planet work will take. The family and network are discussing several ideas for television and digital products, said Patrice Andrews, the network’s general manager.

“The Crocodile Hunter” aired on Animal Planet from 1996 to 2007. Irwin’s colorful personality, seeming fearlessness in wrestling



This image released by Animal Planet shows the Irwin family, from left, Robert, Terri and Bindi.

dangerous animals and his Australianisms—like the expression “crikey!”—made him a favorite.

“Steve was very much the face of our channel,” Andrews said. “People even today in focus groups bring up the impact of ‘The Crocodile Hunter.’”

Having such defining characters is becoming tougher and tougher for cable networks.

Bringing back the Irwins is part of the network’s refocusing on animals, Andrews said. That may seem obvious for a network called Animal Planet, but in recent years the network drifted from that, even adopting the tagline, “Surprisingly Human.”

Currently, the network’s most popular series is “Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet,”

with a new series focusing on animals at the Bronx Zoo also doing well.

Steve Irwin died at age 44 in September 2006 while filming an underwater scene for a television series, when a stingray’s stinging barbs pierced his heart.

Since Bindi was 8 and Robert was 3 when their father died, Terri Irwin said her first responsibility was raising them. Both grew up committed to the family business and haven’t been strangers to television: Bindi, now 19, won a “Dancing With the Stars” competition in 2015 and Robert, who is 14, has appeared on the “Tonight” show with Jimmy Fallon displaying animals.

“Grief is never something you get over,” she said. “You

don’t wake up one morning and say, ‘I’ve conquered that, now I’m moving on.’ It’s something that walks beside you every day. And if you can learn how to manage it and honor the person that you miss, you can take something that is incredibly sad and have some form of positivity. That’s kind of what we decided to do with Steve.”

## Elvis house, Marilyn dresses, JFK radio up for auction

**TUPELO, Miss.** (AP)—Years before Elvis Presley became the King of Rock and Roll, the story goes, he lived in a small house up a hill from his elementary school in northeastern Mississippi and played with other kids in a nearby field. Fans now have a chance to buy that old home and land.

The white, wood-frame house and more than 16 acres (6 hectares) of adjoining property are part of an upcoming celebrity auction that includes everything from actress Marilyn Monroe’s dresses to Michael Jackson’s dark fedora.

Want the Army uniform that Tom Hanks wore while filming “Forrest Gump?” It’s in the sale. What about Whitney Houston’s see-through, acrylic piano or the umbrella with a parrot-shaped handle that Julie Andrews carried in “Mary Poppins?” Or Hugh Hefner’s 1973 BMW, purchased with Playboy profits, presumably?

the 1500s that describes how to make a Philosopher’s Stone.

Nearby is the tombstone of Nicolas Flamel, a real alchemist who features as a character in Rowling’s first book, and various witch accoutrements.

An astronomy display includes a celestial globe made in 1693—as well as 21st-century augmented reality technology supplied by Google Arts & Culture to help visitors examine the ancient constellations that gave their names to key Harry Potter characters, such as Sirius Black and Draco Malfoy.

Being hosted at the British Library meant the exhibition featured some amazing books—on palmistry, tea leaf reading and, of course, witches.

Tanya Kirk, another co-curator, said working on the exhibit gave her a whole new appreciation of witches.

“I think all of the things I learned about witches is that they get quite a bad rap through history, and it was quite hard to find positive accounts,” she said with a laugh. “The Harry Potter books have done a lot to change that.”

The exhibition runs from Oct. 20 to Feb. 28, 2018 and has already sold some 30,000 tickets—the highest amount of advance tickets ever sold for a British Library exhibition. It will then travel to New York to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the release of “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” the book’s title in the United States.

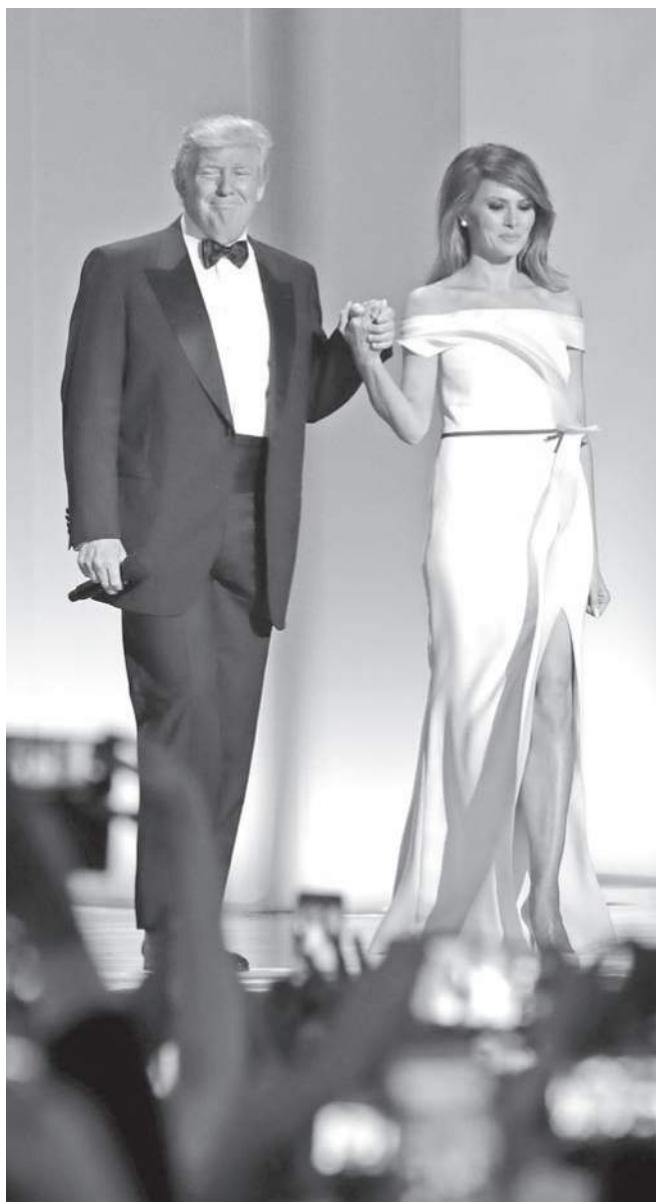
The house, land and other memorabilia are part of an online auction set for Nov. 11 by GWS Auctions, a Southern California company which specializes in the sale of items including estates, fine art and celebrity collectibles.

More than 150 items will be auctioned in all, including other items linked to Presley—his private jet, a 1957 pink Cadillac, a boat named “Hound Dog,” a television he shot up at Graceland and a two-bedroom mobile home from his Circle G ranch.

There’s also a radio once owned by President John F. Kennedy; a dress, nightgown and jumpsuit owned by his late widow, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis; Reese Witherspoon clothing from the movie “Legally Blonde;” and a 1993 Jaguar owned by the late model Anna Nicole Smith.

GWS Auctions owner Brigitte Kruse said all the celebrities’ items have been authenticated in various ways.

# Melania Trump to donate inaugural ball gown to Smithsonian



AP  
In this Jan. 20, 2017, file photo President Donald Trump arrives with first lady Melania Trump at the Liberty Ball in Washington.

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Melania Trump is donating her inaugural ball gown to the First Ladies' Collection at the Smithsonian Institution.

The first lady is handing over the vanilla silk, off-the-shoulder gown during a

ceremony Friday in Washington. The gown also featured a slit skirt, ruffled accent trim from the neckline to the hem and a claret ribbon around the waist. Mrs. Trump worked with designer Herve Pierre on the gown.

Pierre is also scheduled to attend the event at the National Museum of American History.

The Smithsonian says the First Ladies Collection has been one of its most popular attractions for more than a

century.

Mrs. Trump's gown will be added to the exhibit that features 26 dresses, including some worn by Jacqueline Kennedy, Laura Bush and Michelle Obama, along with other items.

## Hotel guard describes getting shot before Las Vegas massacre

**LAS VEGAS** (AP) — The gunman who unleashed the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history first wounded an unsuspecting hotel security guard in a hallway who promptly radioed for help, according to a TV interview broadcast Wednesday with the guard and a hotel building engineer whose life he is credited with saving.

In his only public recounting of the Oct. 1 shooting that killed 58 people and wounded more than 500, guard Jesus Campos told Ellen DeGeneres on her talk show that he was heading down the hall after calling for a maintenance worker when he heard "rapid fire" gunshots through the nearby doors of Stephen Paddock's suite in the Mandalay Bay.

"At first, I took cover. I felt a burning sensation. I went to go lift my pant leg up, and I saw the blood," Campos said. "That's when I called it in on my radio that shots had been fired."

He didn't say what time that was.

The hotel engineer, Stephen Schuck, who was sent to check a fire exit door that Campos found bolted shut, told DeGeneres that he didn't hear gunfire when he reached the opposite end of the 32nd floor hallway. Then, he heard what he thought was the sound of construction.

"I didn't know it was shooting. I thought it was a jackhammer," Schuck said. "And, you know as an engineer, I'm like, 'We're not working up here this late at night.' We wouldn't be doing that."

"It was, I believe, outside," he said, referring to gunfire that authorities say Paddock rained down from broken windows into a crowd of 22,000 at a country music festival. "It wasn't in the hallway yet."

Schuck said Campos leaned out from a door entrance and yelled for him to take cover.

"Within milliseconds, if he

didn't say that, I would have got hit," Schuck said, describing bullets whizzing past his head.

Police later said more than 200 shots were fired into the hallway.

Campos, who walked into the interview with a cane, is recovering from a leg wound. Schuck wasn't injured. Both are on paid leave from their jobs, according to officials at MGM Resorts International, which owns the hotel.

The company, police and the FBI declined to comment on the TV appearance.

Campos drew intense attention when police hailed him as a hero just after the shooting, saying he unwittingly stopped the massacre by arriving in the hallway.

The police timeline changed dramatically a week later, when authorities said Campos reported being wounded at 9:59 p.m. — six minutes before people in the concert crowd reported shots.

The timeline of the massacre changed again last Friday,

when Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo said Campos had been dispatched to the 32nd floor at 9:59 p.m. and was wounded in the hallway less than a minute before the massacre started at 10:05 p.m.

Schuck's account in the DeGeneres interview seemed to support that chronology.

He told Campos in the interview that the guard saved Schuck's life, and DeGeneres credited Campos with also warning a woman who started to come out of her room to get back inside.

"Shortly after that is when Stephen (Schuck) was approaching, and I told him to stay back and get cover, and that's when more rounds were dispersed," Campos said.

His interview came after the last-minute cancellation of a scheduled live interview with Fox host Sean Hannity last Thursday, said David Hickey, president of Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America.

## Tatum won't develop sexual abuse drama with Weinstein Co.

**LOS ANGELES** (AP) — Channing Tatum is no longer developing a film with The Weinstein Co. that dealt with a boy dealing with the aftermath of sexual abuse.

Tatum writes on Instagram Wednesday that he will not be developing anything with Harvey Weinstein's former company, which has been embroiled in sexual harassment

scandals over the past two weeks.

The film was to be based on author Matthew Quick's book "Forgive Me Leonard Peacock."

Quick also wrote "Silver Linings Playbook," which The Weinstein Co. developed into a film that would win star Jen-



nifer Lawrence an Oscar.

Tatum writes that now is a time to be reminded of the healing message of the book and says that this is an opportunity for real change. He calls for an elimination of abuse from creative culture.

## Harvard rescinds 2014 medal awarded to Harvey Weinstein

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** (AP) — Harvard University is rescinding a 2014 medal it awarded to Harvey Weinstein for his contributions to African American culture.

The school's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research decided to revoke the W.E.B. Du Bois Medal on Tuesday in light of

allegations of sexual abuse against the movie mogul.

Weinstein was given the award in 2014 along with seven others, including Oprah Winfrey and Maya Angelou.

It's considered Harvard's highest honor in the field of African and African American Studies.

The center's leaders said

they stand with "the women who have courageously come forward" to fight for themselves and "all of those who have experienced similar abuse."

Weinstein was fired from the film company he started following allegations of sexual harassment and rape from more than three dozen women.

Two stepparents.

How involved in decision-making should the stepparents be? I value their opinions, but I think I know what is best for my children. Their stepmother isn't particularly involved in their activities or pickups and drop-offs, but never hesitates to interject her opinions about what I should do with their time. It causes communication problems between their father and me. I don't want to be rude to her. Where does the line need to be drawn?

**MOMMA KNOWS BEST**

**DEAR MOMMA KNOWS BEST: Give your ex's current wife the benefit of the doubt. She may be trying to be helpful. Then, for the sake of your own sanity, simply ignore her comments and continue communicating with your ex in parenting matters.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Many years ago, as I was about to graduate from college and begin looking for a job, I read a book called "Dress for Success." One of the things I remember from it is that a man's tie should be tied to a length that is between the last button of his shirt and the top of his belt buckle.

Since the last election I have noticed that many politicians, our new president included, wear their ties several inches be-

## Wife tires of long marriage to a resentful curmudgeon

**D**EAR ABBY: I will soon be married 48 years, but it is not much of a marriage. There is no sex, no touching, no kind and compassionate words, only bickering and arguing. I can't figure out why I'm still here. I have thought about leaving many times.

I have written three books, and because of it, my husband has ridiculed me. I have also owned and operated two businesses. I'm active in the community, which he resents. He is an introvert, while I am an extrovert. He no longer accompanies me to activities, but when he did, he would make snide remarks to people who stopped to chat with us. So I no longer invite him. Help me, please!

SAD, LONELY WIFE

**DEAR WIFE:** I will try. If you are asking my permission to divorce your husband, I can't give it to you. Instead, I suggest you ask yourself why you have tolerated such a lonely marriage for 48 years and what you feel you would have to gain by leaving. As an intelligent woman, once you answer that, I think you will know what to do.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a mother of two. I share 50 percent custody of my children with their father. My children also have

## DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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low their belt. Is this a fashion trend or just them being unique?

CHRIS IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR CHRIS:** I brought your question to the attention of the Brooks Brothers corporate office and was told that what you read in "Dress for Success" was correct. That some people wear their ties longer is an individual style decision, and not a fashion trend.

*Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



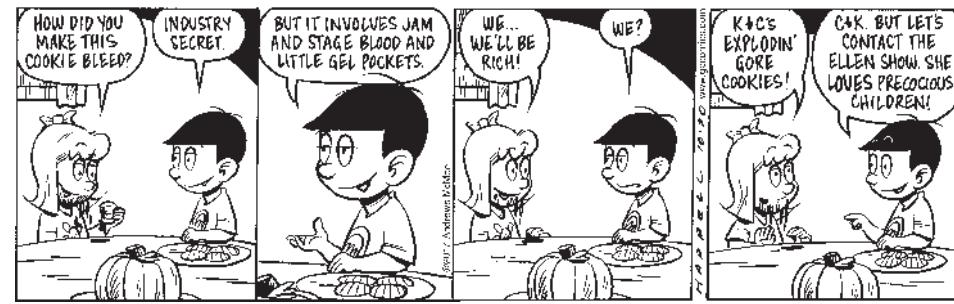
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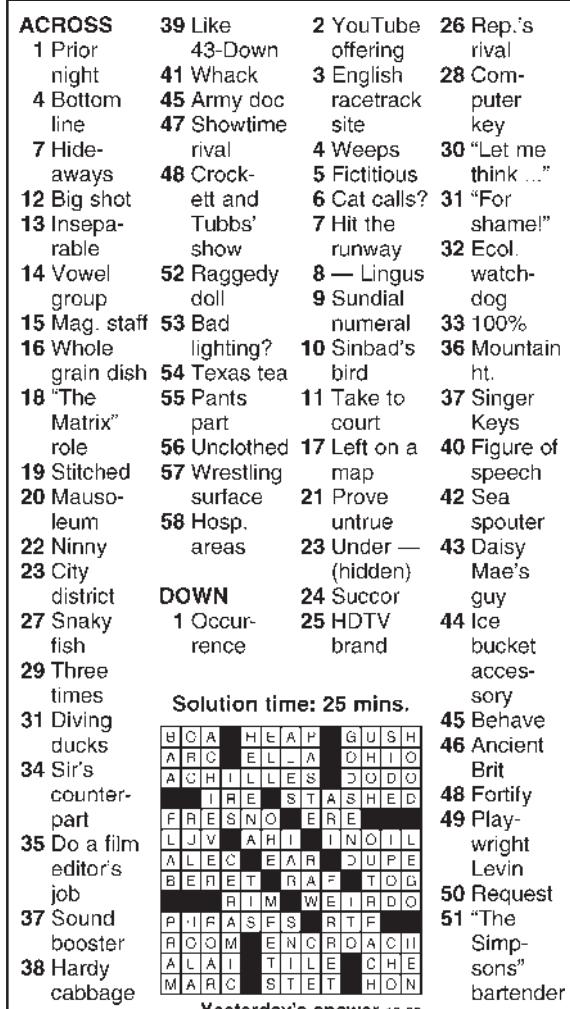
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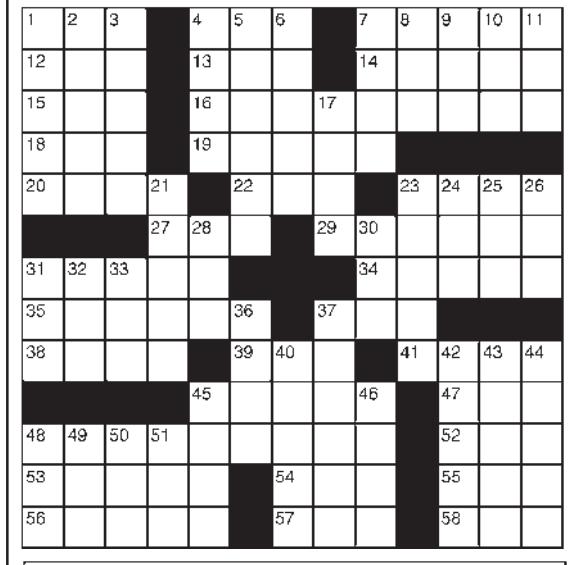
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** John Krasinski, 38; Snoop Dogg, 46; Viggo Mortensen, 59; Danny Boyle, 61.

**Happy Birthday:** You'll tend to overreact this year or end up in situations that are uncertain or that require your undivided attention. Taking care of personal business before things run amok will ensure that you avert unwanted problems and also have the opportunity to make gains that will help you reach your target. Your numbers are 4, 9, 15, 23, 30, 44, 46.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Draw on past experience when it comes to relationships and judge what's happening from an intellectual point of view. Weigh the pros and cons and consider what you stand to benefit moving forward with your plans. **★★★**

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Collaborating with someone you find inspiring will help you expand your creative interests. Talks, travel and conferences are all highlighted and will result in lots of opportunities and plenty to think about. **★★★**

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Do things your own way. Don't be afraid to be different. Look at the possibilities and invest in yourself and your future. An opportunity will come your way if you are open to suggestions and willing to let others help you out. **★★★**

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Broaden your interests. The connections you will make if you communicate more or travel to places you've never been before will be enlightening. Children will have an impact

on the way you think and the life changes you make. **★★★★★**

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Situations will get blown out of proportion. You can make simple changes at home, but first ask for the approval of those who will be affected by what you do. An argument will lead to regret and an inability to follow through with your plans. **★★★**

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Communication is encouraged. Get together with people you find experienced and discuss options that will increase your qualifications. Friends and relatives will offer insight and encouragement. A financial plan is encouraged. Lifestyle changes can cut your overhead. **★★★★**

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stability is encouraged. Mastering what you do best and incorporating it into your daily routine will help you maintain a steady pace toward your goal. Good fortune can be yours if you are prepared to adapt to change. **★★★**

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An idea you have or a change you decide to make regarding your current living arrangements will give you greater cash flow. A steady pace and a clear goal will help you outsmart anyone who tries to interfere with your progress. **★★★**

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A deal may sound good, but if you look a little closer, you will realize it's riddled with deception. If you want something, do the work and reap the rewards instead of trusting someone else to come through for you. **★★★**

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on bringing something unique to whatever you pursue. The more you mix intelligence with your imagination, the easier it will be to outshine anyone who may be trying to compete with you. Personal growth is highlighted. **★★★★**

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional problems will surface if you get into a debate over money, future plans or beliefs. Be careful not to let negativity seep into an important relationship. An upbeat, positive approach to life will be the best cure. **★★**

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Share information and consider getting involved in something creative or unusual. You don't have to spend money if you offer skills, experience or knowledge in place of cash. A settlement will turn in your favor. **★★★★★**

**Birthday Baby:** You are driven, outspoken and sensitive. You are investigative and astute.

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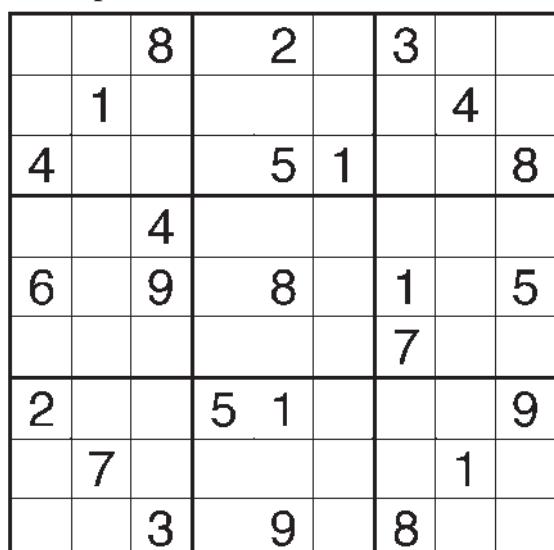
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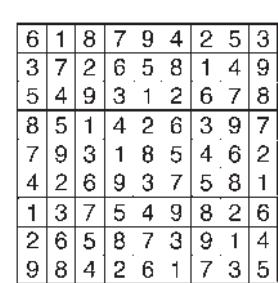
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# Tanaka, Yankees top Astros, grab ALCS lead

 NEW YORK (AP)—This time, it was Masahiro Tanaka who was untouchable on the mound.

And when the New York Yankees sent Houston ace Dallas Keuchel to an early exit, their rollicking crowd let loose with a cathartic roar that must have boomed all over the Bronx.

“New York is no joke,” Keuchel said afterward.

One more big win, and these Yankees are World Series-bound.

Tanaka pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and New York finally solved a longtime nemesis at just the right moment, beating Keuchel and the Astros 5-0 on Wednesday for a 3-2 lead in the AL Championship Series.

“What a performance,” Yankees third baseman Todd Frazier said about Tanaka. “Just gutsy.”

Gary Sanchez hit an RBI single off Keuchel and later homered to help the wild-card Yankees win for the third straight day at home, moving them within one victory of their first pennant since 2009 and record 41st overall.

The teams head back to Houston for Game 6 on Friday night, when Justin Verlander and the reeling Astros will try to regain their footing following an off day and force a decisive Game 7. Luis Severino is scheduled to start for New York.

To take the series, the Yankees knew they needed to win at least one game started by Keuchel or Verlander, both Cy Young Award winners. Now they’ve done that—and they don’t want to let Houston back up.

“Don’t wake that sleeping dog. So we’ve got to just keep on rolling,” Frazier said. “They’re going to be ready to go. We know that.”

Houston arrived up two games to none and appeared to be closing in on its second World Series appearance. But the Astros, like defending AL champion Cleveland before them, have been unable to put away these poised Yankees, who improved to 6-0 at home this postseason in front of their cheering, chanting fans.

New York has won 19 of its past 22 games at Yankee Stadium.

“It’s been unbelievable. I haven’t seen anything like it in Major League Baseball,” veteran Chase Headley said. “Reminds me of college football games. They’re going crazy the entire game. It’s a huge advantage for us.”

Aaron Judge, Greg Bird and Didi Gregorius also delivered big hits as New York chased



New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka throws during the first inning of Game 5 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, in New York.

Keuchel in the fifth and handed him his first postseason loss.

Keuchel had been Yankees kryptonite, entering 6-2 with a 1.09 ERA in eight career starts against New York—including a pair of scoreless outings in playoff wins.

Both of those came at the expense of Tanaka, who lost 3-0 to Keuchel in the 2015 AL wild-card game at Yankee

Stadium and 2-1 in Game 1 of this series. The ace lefty with the long, bushy beard entered 4-0 with a 1.69 ERA and 31 strikeouts in 26 2/3 postseason innings overall.

But this night belonged to Tanaka and the Baby Bombers.

New York finally broke through against Keuchel with two outs in the second, when

Starlin Castro doubled and scored on Greg Bird’s sharp single. The sellout crowd of 49,647 almost sounded surprised by the hit—big enough for Bird to flash both thumbs down, doubling up on the Yankees’ playful sign to each other for clutch swings.

“The most frustrating part is the fact that I didn’t pick the guys up and they were looking

towards me to kind of saddle up and get this thing back going again,” Keuchel said. “That’s a talented group over there and 1 through 9 right now the bats have woken up and it’s quite a challenge.”

In the third, Judge grounded an RBI double just inside the third base line and past a diving Alex Bregman. Brett Gardner sped all the way around

from first and scored with a headfirst slide.

Bregman’s throwing error on an infield single by Headley, who had three hits in the No. 9 spot, aided the Yankees in the fifth. Keuchel walked Judge with two outs before Sanchez lined a run-scoring single into the left-field corner.

Going into that at-bat, Sanchez was 1 for 16 with seven strikeouts in the series—and 0 for 8 with six strikeouts against Keuchel overall.

Gregorius then grounded an RBI single up the middle that grazed the glove of diving second baseman Jose Altuve. That ended the night for Keuchel and gave the Yankees a 4-0 cushion, the most runs he had ever allowed against them.

With the stands pulsating, fans reveled in his slow walk to the dugout as the Yankee Stadium sound system blared Scandal’s “Goodbye To You.”

“When you play at home, things like this happen and that’s why it’s so tough to win on the road in the playoffs,” Keuchel said. “Yankee Stadium is a tough place to play and it was rockin’ these three games, but it’s going to be rockin’ on Friday for us.”

Sanchez hit his third postseason homer off Brad Peacock in the seventh to make it 5-0.

Despite beautiful weather in the Bronx, the Astros didn’t take batting practice on the field. If they were hoping that might help their slumping hitters reset, it didn’t.

## Cubs avoid sweep, down Dodgers in Game 4

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Javier Baez sensed he was ready to bust out of his slump and give the Chicago Cubs the lift they needed.

As breakthroughs go, this was a big one. Just in time to keep the season going for the defending champs.

Baez snapped an 0-for-20 skid with two home runs, Wade Davis hung on for a six-out save and Cubs avoided a sweep, holding off the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 Wednesday night in Game 4 of the NL Championship Series.

“We have to be much more offensive,” manager Joe Maddon said. “It’s got to start happening tomorrow. We’re going to do this. Going to pull this off, we have to become more offensive tomorrow.”

Baez finally got going with a pair of solo drives.

Jake Arrieta pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning to help the Cubs close their deficit to 3-1. Maddon got ejected for the second time in this series in the eighth, and a packed Wrigley Field crowd

watched Davis get Cody Bellinger to ground into a game-ending double play.

Maddon was heavily criticized for not using Davis during a 4-1 loss in Game 2. This time, the Cubs closer threw 48 pitches to finish the job.

Willson Contreras also homered for the Cubs. Bellinger and Justin Turner connected for the Dodgers, who had won a team-record six straight playoff games.

Game 5 is Thursday, with Jose Quintana pitching for Chicago against Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw.

“They’re the world champs, and you know they’re going to fight to the end,” Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. “So today, they did. We got beat today.”

Baez hit solo drives in the second and fifth after going hitless in his first 20 playoff at-bats. He had been watching videos and felt his timing was starting to come back in recent trips to the plate.

“I just need to take a step back and see what’s going on,” he said.

Contreras added a long homer against Alex Wood.

Davis entered with a 3-1 lead in the eighth. He gave up a leadoff homer to Turner, who went 2 for 2 and drew two walks.

Maddon became incensed that a swinging strike three against Curtis Granderson was ruled a foul after the umpires discussed the play. Maddon got tossed, and Granderson struck out swinging at the next pitch.

And after walking Yasmani Grandal to put runners on first and second, Davis struck out Chase Utley, who is hitless in his last 24 postseason at-bats.

All seven of Chicago’s runs in this series have come on homers. And long drives in the second by Contreras and Baez made it 2-0.

“Great to have this win, because if not we were going home tomorrow,” Baez said. “But I feel like we’re still not on track as a team. But I think if we get back on track, everybody as a team, we’re going to be the best again.”

Contreras’ 491-foot homer banged off the left-field videoboard and Baez sent a towering drive out to left.

Bellinger cut it to 2-1 with his drive to right in the third. But Baez got the lead back up to two with a shot to the left-field bleachers in the fifth, the raucous crowd chanting “Javy! Javy!” for the flashy young star who was co-MVP of the NLCS last year.

No Cubs player had hit two in a playoff game since Alex Gonzalez went deep twice in Game 2 of the 2003 NLCS against Miami.

Arrieta exited with runners on first and second in the seventh after walking Chris Taylor on a 3-2 pitch. He tipped his hat as fans gave him a standing ovation, a fitting show of appreciation for a pitcher with an expiring contract.

“Hopefully, it’s not a goodbye, it’s a thank you, obviously,” Arrieta said. “I still intend to have another start in this ballpark. If that’s where it ends, I did my best and I left it all out there.”

## La Russa leaving Diamondbacks

**PHOENIX** (AP)—Hall of Fame manager Tony La Russa is leaving the Arizona Diamondbacks organization.

La Russa served as chief baseball officer from 2015 to 2016 and became chief baseball analyst when the new regime of general manager Mike Hazen and manager Torey Lovullo arrived last spring.

La Russa said in a statement that the job was “more demanding than I realized.” He said with the current leadership in place, the Diamondbacks can expect winning baseball for years to come.

Diamondbacks managing general partner Ken Kendrick said La Russa played a significant role in putting the franchise on the path to success.

Hazen said La Russa was of great value to him personally and he’s “very appreciative for all he has done here and the manner in which he handled the transition.”

# Antetokounmpo scores 37 points, Bucks beat Celtics



**BOSTON** (AP)—Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 16 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter, and the Milwaukee Bucks opened their season with a 108-100 victory over Boston on Wednesday night to spoil the homecoming of a Celtics team coming off a late and emotional season opener.

One night after a gruesome broken ankle just six minutes into the season cost Boston top free agent Gordon Hayward—perhaps for the entire season—the Celtics fell to 0-2 by giving up an 11-1 run that left Milwaukee with a 97-90 lead and under three minutes to play.

Antetokounmpo added 13 rebounds, Rookie of the Year Malcolm Brogdon scored 19 points and Khris Middleton had 15 points and nine rebounds. Matthew Dellavedova scored 15 points, hitting a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left after the Celtics cut the lead to two points.

Kyrie Irving scored 17 points on 7-for-25 shooting in his Boston debut.

## Spurs 107, Timberwolves 99

In San Antonio, LaMarcus Aldridge had 25 points and 10 rebounds, and San Antonio held off beat Minnesota while opening the season without leading scorer Kawhi Leonard.

The Spurs were without Leonard and Tony Parker, but had enough to hold off the revamped Timberwolves.

Minnesota bolstered its young lineup with the addition of veterans Jimmy Butler, Jamal Crawford, Taj Gibson and Jeff Teague. The quartet helped the Wolves rally from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but the Timberwolves only managed two field goals

after taking a 92-91 lead with 5:02 remaining.

## Pistons 102, Hornets 90

In Detroit, Tobias Harris scored 17 of his 27 points in the first quarter, helping Detroit celebrate its return downtown with the victory over Charlotte.

The Pistons and Hornets opened the season in Little Caesars Arena, a new facility that brought them back to the city for the first time in nearly four decades. Eminem made a surprise appearance, grabbing the microphone to fire up the crowd just before tipoff. Kid Rock, another Motor City musical artist, sat in a baseline seat near Detroit's bench.

## Wizards 120, 76ers 115

In Washington, John Wall scored 28 points, Bradley Beal rebounded from a rough start to add 25 and Washington beat Philadelphia to spoil the NBA debuts of top picks Ben Simmons and Markelle Fultz.

The Sixers cut their deficit to two in the final minute. A pair of Philadelphia turnovers and a 3-point miss by J.J. Redick allowed the Wizards to hold on.

Wall shot 10 of 28 from the floor and had eight assists. Beal, who started 1 of 5 with a dunk, was 12 of 16 from the free throw line.

## Pacers 140, Nets 131

In Indianapolis, Victor Oladipo scored 22 points in his Indiana debut, Darren Collison added 21 points and 11 assists in his return to Indianapolis, and the Pacers held off Brooklyn.

The Pacers, in their first game since trading All-Star Paul George, had their highest point total since a 144-point game against Denver on Nov.



9, 2010. Myles Turner had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Thaddeus Young added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

## Hawks 117, Mavericks 111

In Dallas, Dennis Schroder scored 28 points in his first game as the front man for Atlanta and the rebuilding Hawks spoiled rookie Dennis Smith Jr.'s solid Dallas debut.

Marco Belinelli, a familiar face for the Mavericks as a former rival with San Antonio, added 20 points and was 4 of 6 from 3-point range for the Hawks in their first game after letting Paul Millsap leave in free agency and dumping Dwight Howard.

## Magic 116, Heat 109

In Orlando, Evan Fournier scored 23 points, Nikola Vucevic had 19 points and 13 rebounds

and Orlando held off Miami.

Fournier stalled the Heat's rally by scoring seven points in the final 2:27, including a driving basket with 30 seconds left. The Heat trailed by 17 early in the fourth quarter, but cut the deficit to two with 2:39 to play.

## Grizzlies 103, Pelicans 91

In Memphis, Mike Conley scored 27 points, rookie Dillon Brooks added 19 and Memphis beat New Orleans.

Marc Gasol had 14 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 3:05 left. Memphis won its opener for the second straight year, a first in franchise history.

Anthony Davis had 33 points and 18 rebounds, and DeMarcus Cousins had 28 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans.

Boston Celtics center Al Horford (42) reaches to block a shot by Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, left, during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, in Boston.

## Jazz 106, Nuggets 96

In Salt Lake, Rudy Gobert had 18 points and 10 rebounds in Utah's victory over Denver.

The new-look Jazz—without Gordon Hayward and George Hill—trailed most of the night before Alec Burks took over with a spectacular fourth quarter.

Burks scored 12 points during a 25-4 run that spanned the third and fourth quarters.

## Trail Blazers 124, Suns 76

In Phoenix, the Suns were a

Broadway show, they'd close for good after opening night.

The Suns weren't just bad in their 48-point loss to the Portland Trail Blazers in their season opener on Wednesday night. They were historically awful.

It was the most one-sided season-opening loss by any team in NBA history and the most one-sided loss by the Suns in any game in their 49 years.

## Rockets 105, Kings 100

In Sacramento, James Harden had 27 points and nine assists, and the Houston Rockets made it a perfect two-game road trip despite playing this one without Paul, beating the Sacramento Kings 105-100 on Wednesday night to spoil another home team's opener.

## Stevens: Full recovery, but no timetable for Hayward return

**BOSTON** (AP)—Boston Celtics coach Brad Stevens says Gordon Hayward is expected to make a full recovery from the gruesome injury he sustained in the team's opener.

They just don't know how long it will take yet.

Stevens told reporters before the Celtics' home opener against Milwaukee that Hayward has a dislocated ankle and broken tibia. He is expected to have surgery soon, but it hasn't been scheduled yet.

Stevens says he isn't sure if Hayward will be able to return this season.

After playing his first seven years with the Utah Jazz, Hayward signed a four-year, \$128 million contract this offseason to rejoin Stevens—his college coach—in

Boston. But he was injured in the sixth minute of the first game when he landed awkwardly under the basket in Cleveland.

In Oakland, Warriors forward Draymond Green underwent an MRI exam on his strained left knee and his status for an upcoming road trip is unclear.

Golden State expected to release results of the test Wednesday or early Thursday prior to departing for a game Friday at New Orleans.

Green got hurt in the closing seconds of the third quarter of Tuesday's season-opening 122-121 home loss to Houston when he drove left to the basket, took an off-balanced shot and landed awkwardly.

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# Brady thinks Patriots' offense has room to grow



**F O X B O R - OUGH, Mass.** (AP) — Tom Brady's expectations for himself have been high from the moment he made his first NFL start back in 2001.

It reached its latest high watermark this past February when he became the most-decorated Super Bowl quarterback in NFL history, after leading the Patriots to a historic comeback win over the Falcons to earn his fifth ring.

But as the Patriots prepare for Sunday's rematch with Atlanta, Brady believes he's yet to play his best this season, despite ranking among the league's passing leaders at age 40.

"This year I don't think we're really where we need to be," Brady said Wednesday. "We're certainly 4-2. I think there's a lot of things we wish we could know better and we're still working to improve. That's where we're at. We're focused on playing a great team."

After being forced to sit out four games to serve his "Deflategate" suspension, Brady was virtually unflappable in his first six games last season, throwing for 1,915 yards, 16 touchdowns and only one interception.

Through six games in 2017, he leads the NFL with 1,959 yards passing and is tied for second with 13 touchdowns. He's thrown two interceptions, but has a 106.9 passer rating that is second only to Kansas City's Alex Smith.

That production, though, has come at the expense of Brady taking a lot more punishment.

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Schools Cross Country Series held last Sept. 23 and Oct. 7. The last leg of the race is on Oct. 28, while the finals will be on Nov. 11.

Sapong said that since this would be the first time that the team will be going up against a competitive field, the Asia Pacific race will be a good ex-



**AP**  
New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) looks to throw a pass as he is pressured by Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive end Robert Ayers (91) during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, in Tampa, Fla.

Sunday's win.

A week after sitting out with a thigh injury against Tampa Bay, he had a pair of touchdown catches. It was his first game this season with multiple scores.

Brady and Gronkowski have combined for 71 touchdown passes, the second-most in NFL history by a quarterback and tight end.

"He's a big focal point of our offense," Brady said of Gronk.

"When he gets going, it's great for everybody. ... He's obviously a guy that's been super consistent when he's been out there for us, and he's really played that same role this year."

James White, one of the key offensive stars from February's Super Bowl win, said that the offense knows it has yet to execute at high level for a complete game.

Their recent successes aside, Brady has made sure the pursuit of that has remained a priority.

"If we put together a solid 60 minutes, (and) execute well every single play—the sky's the limit," Gronkowski said.

## TWO-WAY

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from Aaliyah Indalecio.

Though tied in win-draw-loss records, Paire has the most goals so far with 17, while Shirley's has 10.

In other results, MY Pros drew Kanoa, 1-1. Samantha Babauta scored the equalizer for MY Pros in the 26th minute or just a few seconds after Marinell Falalimpa hit the board for Kanoa. MY Pros holds a 2-1-3 mark and has earned 10 goals, while Kanoa is winless with one draw and five losses..

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	
New York	0	0	.000	
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	
Toronto	0	0	.000	
Boston	0	1	.000	—

##### Southeast Division

Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—

##### Central Division

Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	0	.000	½
Detroit	0	0	.000	½
Indiana	0	0	.000	½
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	½

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	0	0	.000	½
Memphis	0	0	.000	½
New Orleans	0	0	.000	½
San Antonio	0	0	.000	½

##### Northwest Division

Denver	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Utah	0	0	.000	—

##### Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—
Golden State	0	1	.000	½

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## THE CRANK'

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"The Leech" Li (13-4, 4KOs) in UFC Fight Night 111 on June 17 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore. He made the announcement of his duel against the Aussie in a video posted on his Facebook page after organizers confirmed that he'll be fighting in November. *Saipan Tribune* contacted Camacho for comments about his upcoming bout, but he has yet to respond at press time.

During his UFC debut, Camacho was a last minute replacement against Li and lost by unanimous decision after three hard-fought rounds.

Meanwhile, this will be the third time that Brown (17-10, 3 KOs, 2-2 UFC) will be fighting in front of a hometown crowd and his encounter with Camacho will come after his win by split decision against Guam's Jon Tuck (10-4, 4 KOs, 4-4 UFC) in UFC Fight Night 101 at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne last year. Camacho knows Brown has

an advantage with the hometown crowd behind him that's why the former hopes the early training camp with strength and conditioning coach Steve Oshiro and ONE Fighting Championship heavyweight champ Brandon Vera would help him win over the Land Down Under bet.

Vera (15-7, 10 KOs, 8-7 UFC) is the reigning heavyweight title holder of Singapore-based MMA outfit ONE FC. He won the inaugural title after beating Paul Cheng (5-2, 3 KOs) of Chinese-Taipei by KO in ONE FC 36: Spirit of

Champions in 2015.

Oshiro, in a separate video, said they have been pushing Camacho to test what he is capable of. "Basically we're trying to get [him] stronger. And he's letting me test his mettle. He works hard and he let me push him to his limit," Oshiro said.

"We get him out of his comfort zone. We have days where we focus on strength and we have days where we're doing things that are dynamic. We're working also on his explosiveness, where he could go three or five rounds and recover

quickly," he added.

Vera, on the other hand, said this would be Camacho's first time to have a full training camp, which is a huge deal for the Marianas fighter. "He knows who his opponent is and he is in better shape already than he was going into the fight the last time. He's fighting at 155. It was awesome to watch him do his thing. He's pushing himself and going super hard for this fight," added Vera, who met Camacho through Brazilian jiu-jitsu master Lloyd Irvin 10 years ago.

## SAIPAN TRIBUNE

# Vets, newcomer off to 2017 Mini Games

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Veterans Beo Ngirchongor and Zariniae Sapong and youngster Jamie Pangelinan will be leading the CNMI's campaign in the athletics competition in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu this December.

Northern Marianas Athletics official Elias Rangamar told *Saipan Tribune* that Northern Marianas Athletics could only send runners in the Mini Games as those selected for the field events are not able to practice due to the closure of the Oleai Sports Complex's track and field facility. The track oval underwent resurfacing and has yet to be opened to the public as it still awaits its Level II certification from the International Association of Athletics Federations.



"We could not practice for the field events. We don't have the venue to train. We're only sending our sprinters since they are the ones who manage to train," said Rangamar.

"We can't just train for the field events anywhere. We might hit something or damage the ground once we use the discus or javelin. Even our high jump and long jump

have no venue."

"Jamie [Pangelinan] is one

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Beo Ngirchongor, left, seen here sprinting after getting the baton from Orrin Pharmin during the 4x100m relay event in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, is heading to Vanuatu in December to represent the CNMI in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

of the newest members of the CNMI track team. She's still young and is dedicated to training. She comes every day to train along with Beo and Zari," added Rangamar.

Ngirchongor and Sapong have represented the CNMI in various regional and international athletics events like the Micronesian Games, Pacific Games, and those organized by IAAF.

Ngirchongor won the men's 400-meter run and 400m hur-

dles gold medals in the 2014 Micro Games in Pohnpei, while Sapong's recent tournament was the IAAF World Championships in London this year where she established a new personal best time in the 100m dash.

She ran on Heat 6 at the London Olympic Stadium and posted 13.29 seconds to shave off 0.06 milliseconds from her gold-medal winning performance of 13.35 seconds in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Pohnpei.

Sapong is also the reigning 200m run champion in Micronesia after posting a MAC record of 27.87 seconds. She was part of the CNMI women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams that won the bronze medals in the MAC.

## Shirley's still unbeaten; 4 teams settle for draws

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Shirley's Football Club is still unscathed in the girls U15 division, while the two other matches in the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field ended in draws.



Shirley's shut down Southern United, 3-0, for the lone win posted in the division last weekend. The defending champion now has a 5-0-0 win-draw-loss record, keeping its distance against the second-running and idle Kanoa FC (3-0-1).

Therize Millare, Katrina Costales, and Katherine Magat scored the goals for Shirley's, finding the back of the net in the 42nd, 57th, and 61st minute.

the 39th minute, while Anisa Villagomez drilled the first goal in the match five minutes earlier.

In the MP United-Matansa tiff, Francesca Bucalig knocked in back-to-back goals for the former to deny the latter the win. Bucalig's pair of goals came after Matansa built a 3-1 lead off Jannah Casarino's hat trick. Casarino lit up the board in the 25th, 28th, and 29th minute, while MP United's first goal (own) was recorded in the 16th off a Matansa' error. Matansa eventually missed the win when Bucalig converted shots in the 59th and 61st minute.

### BOYS U17 MP United 4, Matansa 0

MP United is still on top following a shutdown win over Matansa at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Edwin Kim, Syler Poon, Sunjoon Tenorio, and Alex Park earned one goal apiece for MP United, which improved to a 2-0-4 slate for fourth place in the team standings in the six-squad field.

tance against Matansa (4-0-2).

### TanHoldings 7, Paire 0

TanHoldings is lurking behind MP United and Matansa as the former now has 3-2-1 slate after blowing out Paire.

Kirro Batino and John Colisao registered one goal apiece in TanHoldings' lopsided win. Other players who scored for TanHoldings were not identified in the match report. TanHoldings drilled five goals in the first half to set up the rout against Paire, which fell to a 1-0-5 record.

### Kanoa 3, NDA 1

Kanoa broke into the win column after downing the National Developing Academy.

Sebastien Manabat, Andrew Omelau, and Ian Karl Maniago posted one goal each to give Kanoa its first win in six games (one draw and four losses). Joshua Galarion logged the lone goal for NDA, which dropped to a 2-0-4 slate for fourth place in the team standings in the six-squad field.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Paire Football Club players jog around the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field while waiting for the start of their game against TanHoldings in the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday.

## Close wins for Silencer, Team Sawi

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The Silencer and Team Sawi played steadier in the home-stretch to slip past their respective opponents in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Team Sawi labored for an 88-84 victory over the Green Archers in the second game, while the Silencer also earned a similar close win against Empe Light Blue in the first match, 88-85.

Angelo Fernando scored the Silencer's last two field goals, while Kelvin Fitial made two important free throws to extend their team's winning run to five for second place in the team standings with its 5-1 record.

Fernando finished with 19 points, 8 of them came in the final canto, while Fitial also registered double figures with his 15. Mico Usi top-scored for the Silencer with his 20 markers, making 10 of them in the first quarter to keep his squad in the game and fill in for Fernando, who reported for the match midway in the second canto.

With Usi on fire early in the match, the Silencer fell behind by only one at the end of the first frame, 21-22. Empe Light then gained more cushion in the second canto, 45-39, behind the combined 16 points of Sean Rabasto and Richard Peredo.

However, Empe Light lost the driver's seat in the third quarter, as Fitial, Fernando, and Usi teamed up in the penultimate frame for the Silencer's 65-61 advantage.



The match remained close in the fourth with Rabasto's successive field goals keeping Empe Light in the game before Fitial and Fernando delivered key baskets down the stretch to lift the Silencer to victory.

In the second game, Errol Peredo scored 6 of Team Sawi's last 12 points to hand his group back-to-back wins after going 0-2.

Peredo was one of the five Team Sawi players to break into double figures with his 16 points. Oliver Gragasin led the squad with his 19 points, while Brendon Talania, J.R. Concepcion, and Jerome Directo logged 18, 17, and 10, respectively. Concepcion and Directo made Team Sawi's last two baskets to deny the Green Archers' bid to enter the win column.

The Green Archers absorbed their sixth loss in as many games despite getting 30 points from Frank Ferrer and 26 from Bart Demapan.

### First Game

**Silencer 88**—Usi 20, Fernando 19, Fitial 15, Morales 8, Estores 8, Perez 6, Arreza 4, Sevilla 2, Culala 2.

**Empe Light Blue 85**—Rabasto 28, Reyes 21, Peredo 11, Lorio 10, Leung 6, Gallardo 6, Tengco 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-23, 39-45, 65-61, 88-85.

### Second Game

**Team Sawi 88**—Gragasin 19, Talania 18, Concepcion 17, Peredo 16, Directo 10, Galulu 4.

**Green Archers 84**—Ferrer 30, Demapan 26, Danipog 14, Pestillo 8, Enriquez 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-22, 42-39, 61-60, 88-84.

Tanaka,  
Yankees top  
Astros, grab  
ALCS lead

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# 'The Crank' vs Aussie in UFC 121



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Frank "The Crank" Camacho will be making his second appearance in the Ultimate Fighting Championship arena when he goes up against Australia's Damien Brown in UFC Fight Night 121 next month in New South Wales, Australia.

The Camacho-Brown fight will open up an 11-bout card that features former world heavyweight champions Marcin Tybura (16-2, 7 knockouts) of Poland and Brazilian Fabricio Werdum (22-7, 6 KOs) in the main event and set on Nov. 19 at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney. Tybura is a two-time heavyweight champion in Russian mixed martial arts promotion M-1 (Global and Grand Prix), while Werdum was the UFC world title holder for the 265-lb weight division before



losing by knockout to Croatian-American Stipe Miocic in UFC 198 last year.

In his second UFC fight,

Camacho (20-5, 15 KOs) is hoping to bounce back from his debut loss to Jingliang

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## Two-way tie for Division A, B lead

ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
MY Pros' Mel Borja  
dribbles during their Division B game against  
Kanoa in the 2017 Dove  
Women's Fall League  
last Monday at the TSL  
Sports Complex.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The Marianas' Frank "The Crank" Camacho is hoping to earn a historic win in his second fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship when he faces Damien Brown of Australia in UFC Fight Night 121 in Sydney, Australia next month.

## Team Marianas tests mettle in AsPac X-Country meet

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Team Marianas will test its mettle against some of the region's top runners in the 2017 Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships at the John F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning, Guam.

The race begins today with the five-kilometer individual run with the girls going first followed by the boys. The 5K course will be around JFK school's grounds starting at the track oval. Then this Saturday, the team race will begin at Ypao beach with participants alternating in running 1.6 miles each.

The 10-member Team Marianas is composed of Saipan International School's Clayton Tyler Izuka, Jae Hyuk Jung, Malika Miyawaki, and Tania Tan, and Agape Christian School's Daiwei Cai, Peter Wang, Ella Zhang, Amelia Yu, and Tianbo Zhang.

SIS headmaster Ron Snyder is the team's coach with

ACS principal Rev. Kok H. Pang as his assistant. Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Rob-



in Sapong is the team manager, while Lydia Tan acts as the squad's volunteer chaperone.

Team Marianas mem-

bers had previously competed in the two legs of the NMA-organized 2017 All

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LYDIA TAN  
Team Marianas members poses with coaches Ron Snyder, left, and Kok H. Pang, right, before boarding their flight to Guam yesterday at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The squad will be competing in the 2017 Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships.

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The race for the championship in the Divisions A and B of the 2017 Dove Women's Fall League has become interesting as there are ties for the lead in both categories after this week's matches at the TSL Sports Complex.

In Division A, Kanoa Football Club-2 and Paire are in a deadlock after holding similar 4-0-0 win-draw-loss records. Kanoa-2 notched its fourth win last Monday after nosing out Shirley's Football Club, 3-2. Krizel Tuazon, Irish Pagarao, and Britany Wally scored for Kanoa-2, while Shirley's drew its goals from Mia Carreon and Samantha Maniacop. Shirley's is at the bottom of the team standings of the five-squad field with its

dismal 0-0-5 record.

Paire joined Kanoa-1 on top of the leaderboard following a 9-2 triumph over Kanoa-1 last Wednesday. Paire now has 28 goals, just three behind Kanoa-2, while the former has given up the least goals (six) so far this season and the latter has yielded seven.

In Division B, Paire and Shirley's are in a standoff for the No. 1 spot.

The co-leaders engaged in a 2-2 draw last Monday and now have identical 4-1-1 slates. Shirley's earned its fourth win last Wednesday after edging Kanoa, 3-1.

Against Paire, Shirley's got its goals from Keisha Deleon Guerrero and Marilou Arriola. Paire, on the other hand, drew its pair of goals

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